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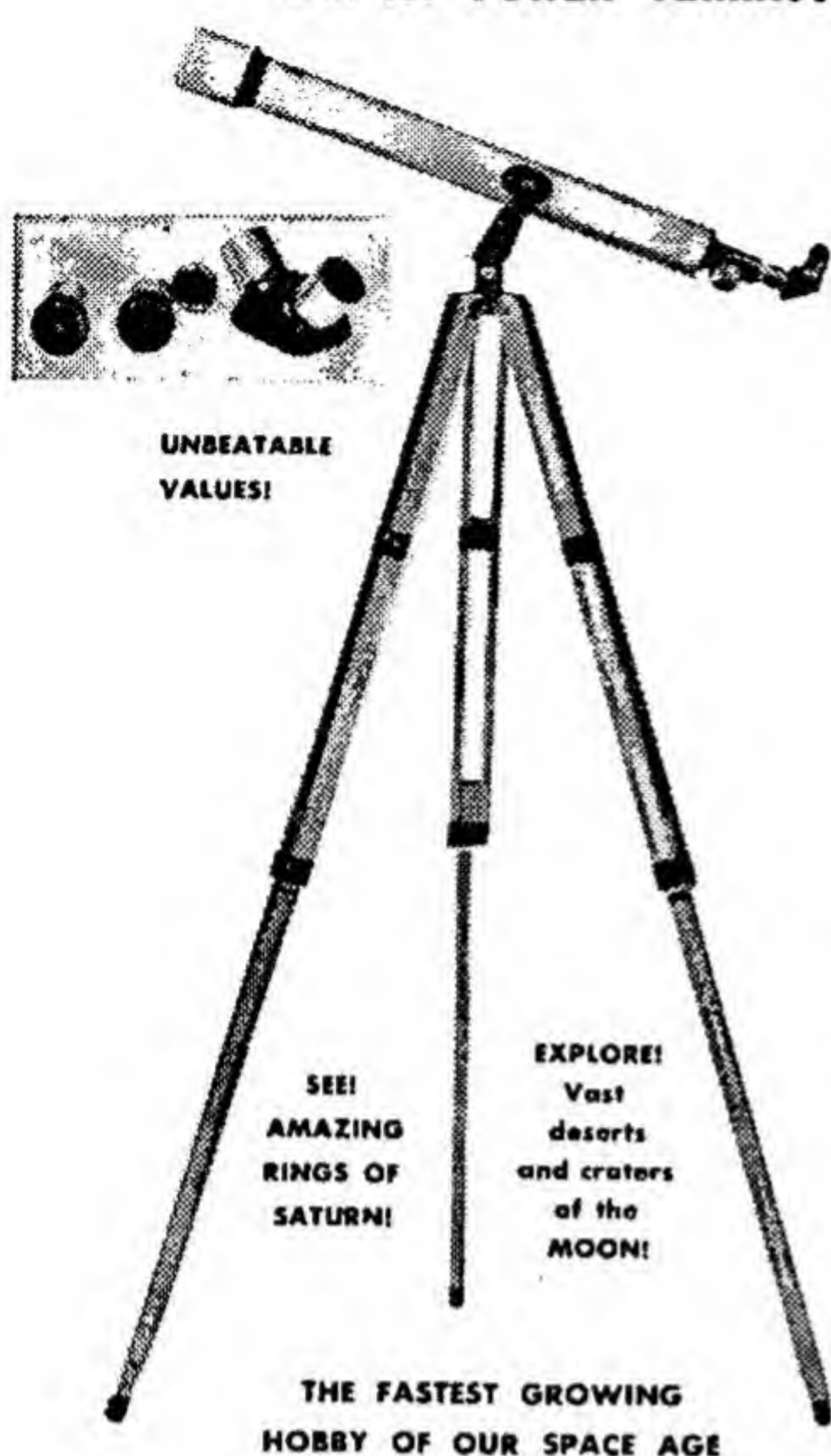
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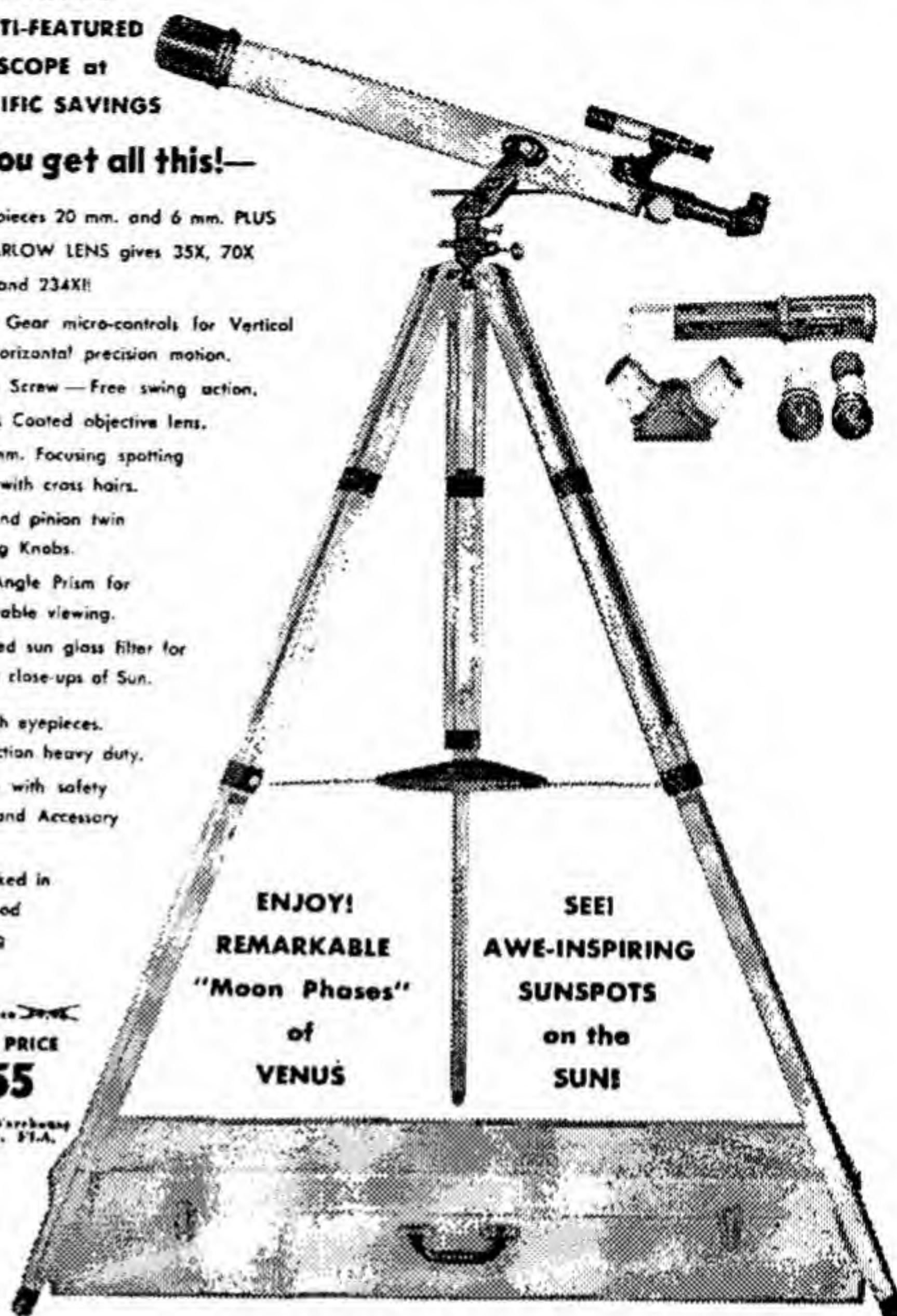
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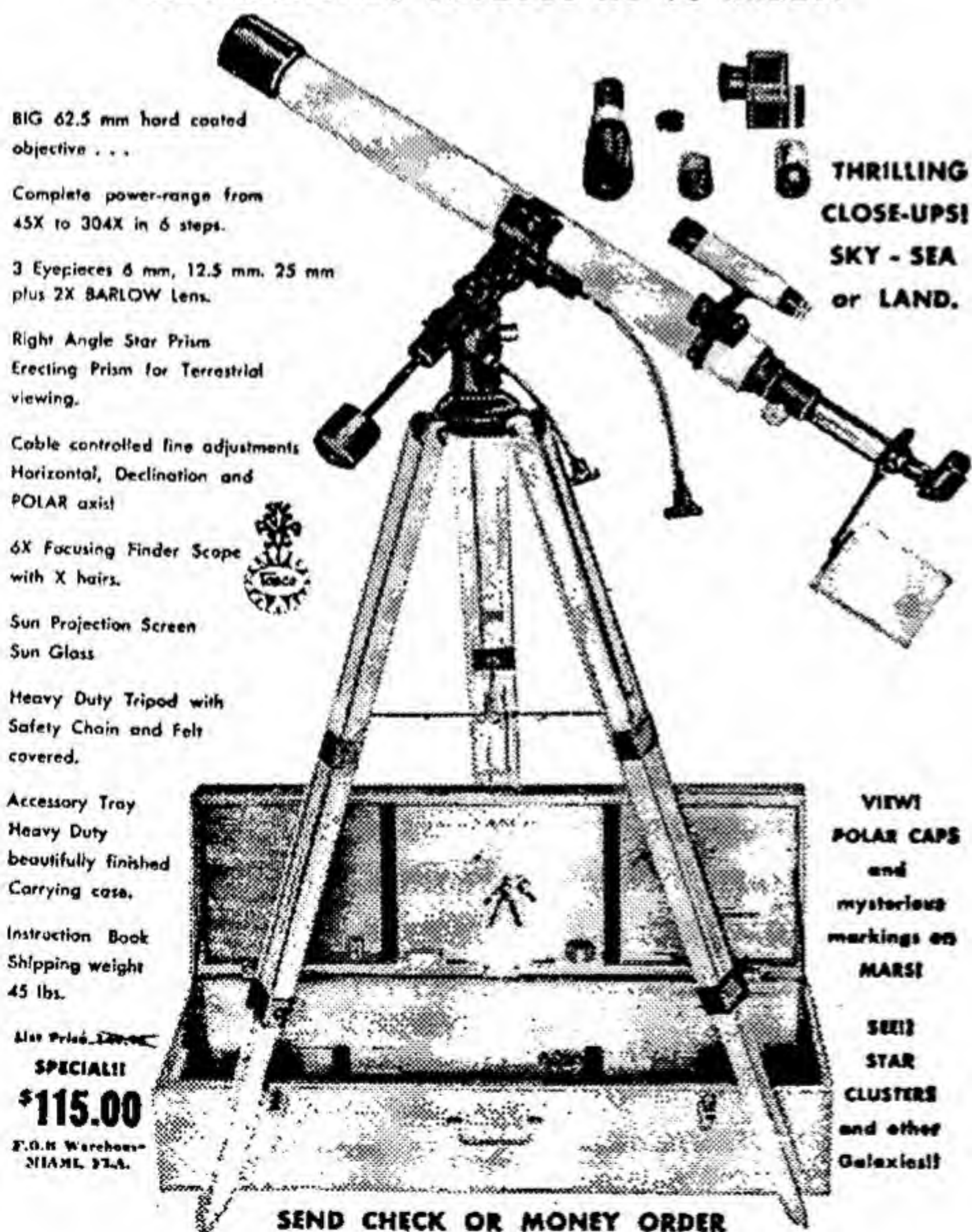
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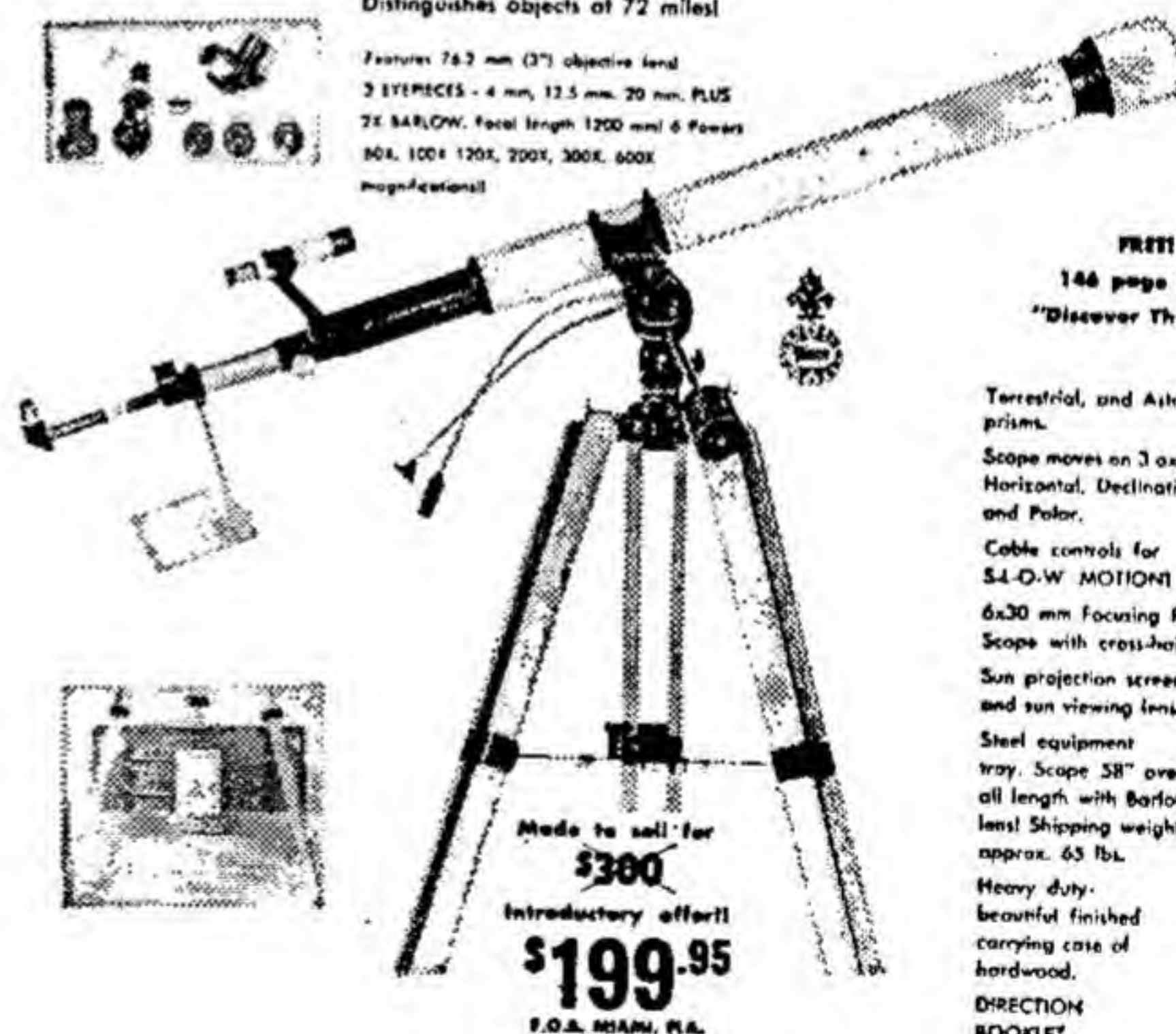
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....Editorial....

Flying saucer fans are peculiar people! For years we've had them making disparaging remarks about the so-called "contact" people, those who claim to have talked to, and ridden with, space people in their flying saucers. Some readers condemn us for even paying any attention to their stories; others think we are on the wrong track in not admitting right off that saucers are "occult"; and some have insisted that we stick to mere factual reporting, and do no theorizing at all. In this issue we have presented the results of years of research, in which we advance the possibility that the saucers not only are from our own planet, and NOT from space, inner or outer, but that there is a tremendous mass of evidence to show that there is an UNKNOWN location of vast dimensions which is, insofar as we can safely state at this writing, also unexplored, where the saucers can, and most probably do originate. Even before the issue is off the press, one enterprising reader shoots this question at us: "All right, if the saucers aren't from outer space, then how come Buck Nelson and a few dozen more claim to have ridden to Mars, Venus, the moon, etc.? Are you kidding us?"

We've read all the accounts of such voyages, and nowhere, in any of them, can we find positive evidence that space was traversed! In all of the accounts, we can see where the passengers could have been taken to this "unknown land" discovered by Admiral Byrd, and if told they were on Mars, would not

know the difference!

It is a question, of course, whether Buck Nelson or anyone else, took a ride anywhere. We have only their word for it. We don't call them liars. We merely say that they can be deluded in many ways. To be specific, and we strongly suspect it, hypnosis can accomplish the trick. In many of the accounts, there are innumerable evidences that point strongly toward hypnotism. We have not stressed this greatly up to now, but we intend to explore the subject increasingly in the future. We can definitely pinpoint at least two instances where hypnotism was practiced. In another way, providing an actual trip in a saucer was made, the pilots of the saucers could have simulated a space trip (how high would it be necessary to go?) and instead taken their passengers to "that mysterious land beyond the Pole", as Admiral Byrd called it.

On September 15, 1959, the Soviet atomic powered icebreaker was launched, and supposedly is on its way, or about to proceed, toward the North Pole with the intention of reaching it by smashing its way all the way through the ice. This would admittedly be quite an achievement, and more evidence of their amazing progress in science, but it is our opinion that the Russians do not do things merely for propaganda value. And considering the weight of evidence we have presented in this issue (which is only a fragment of what is available), there exists a much stronger reason for the So-

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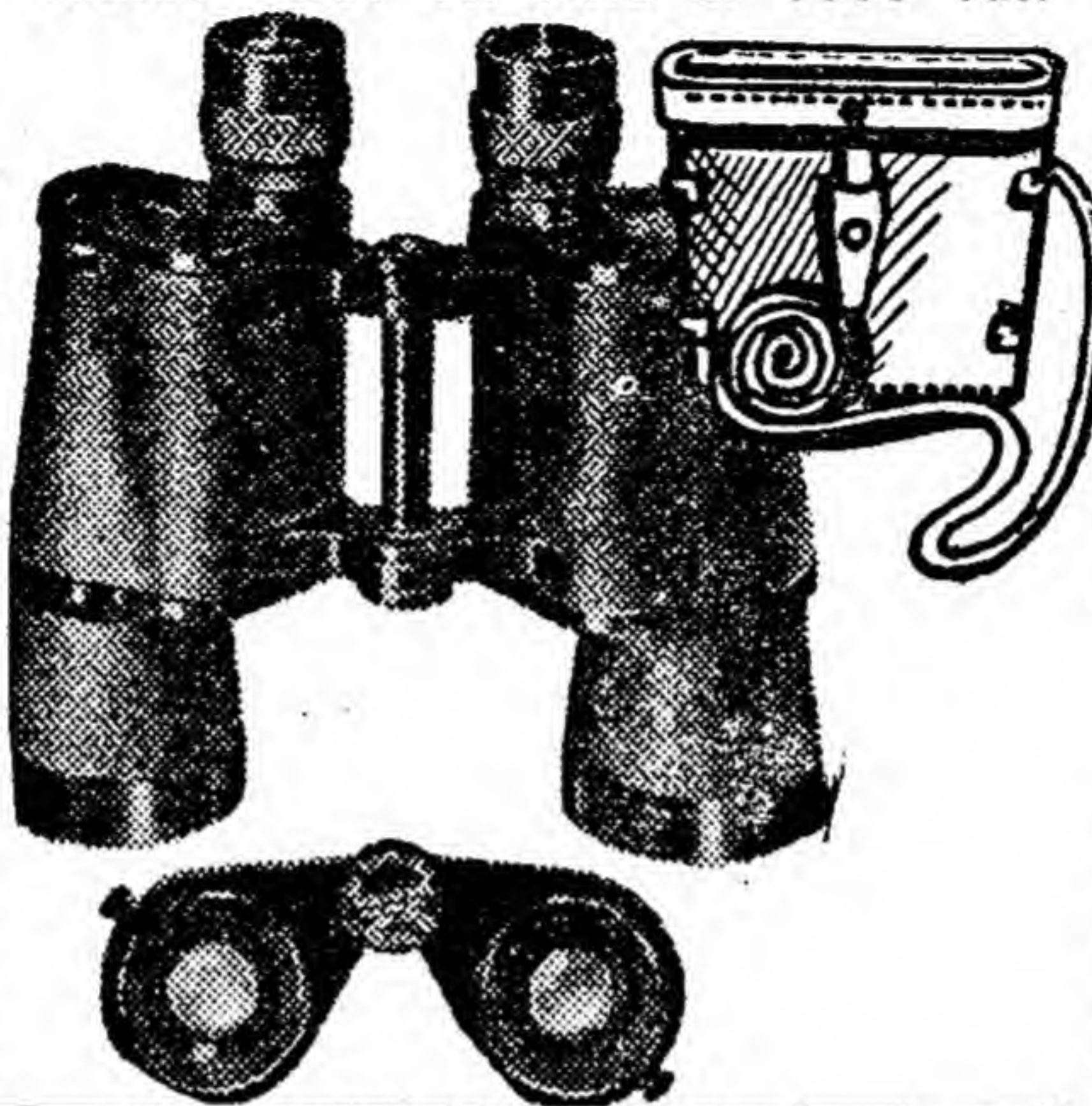
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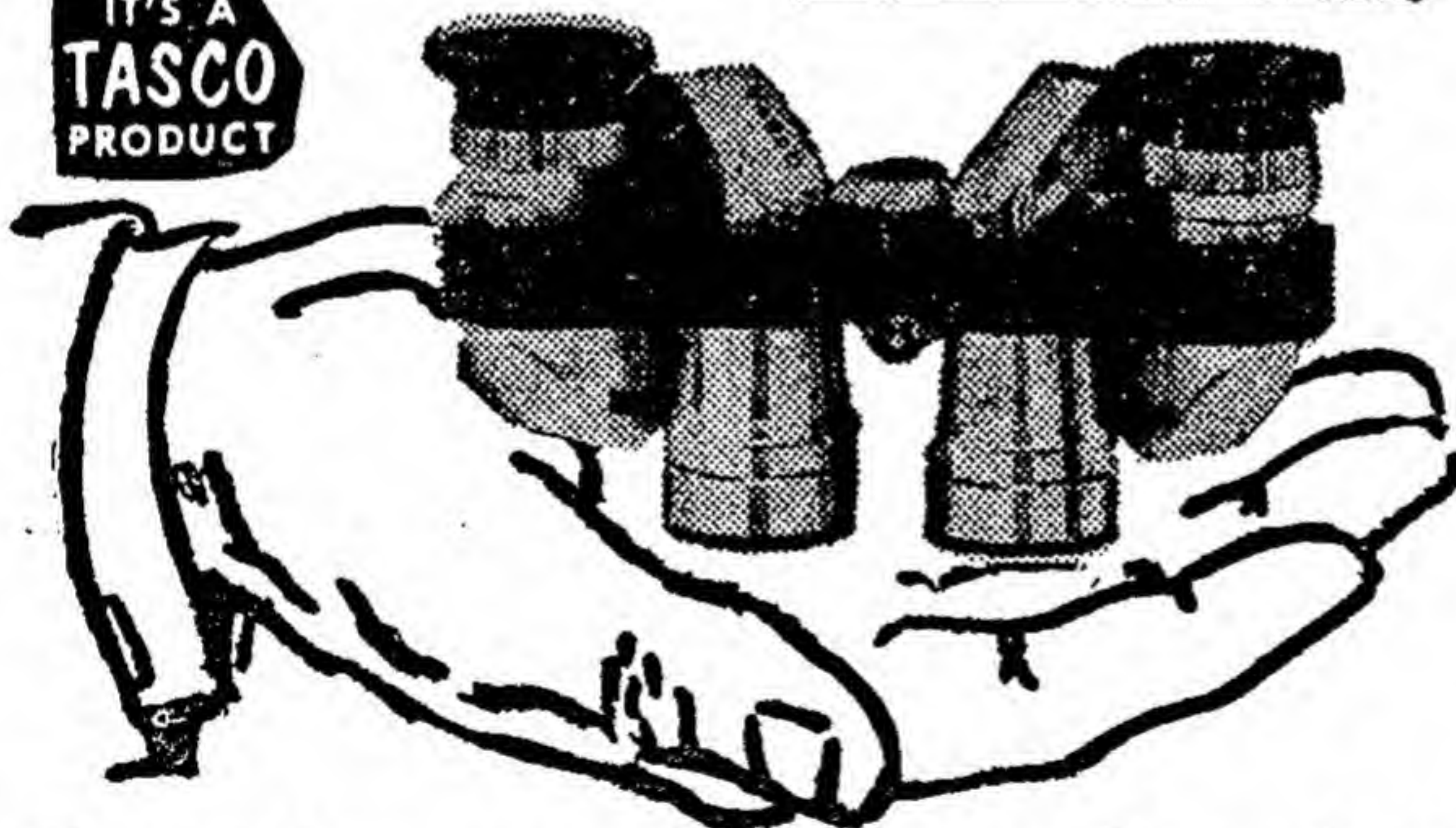


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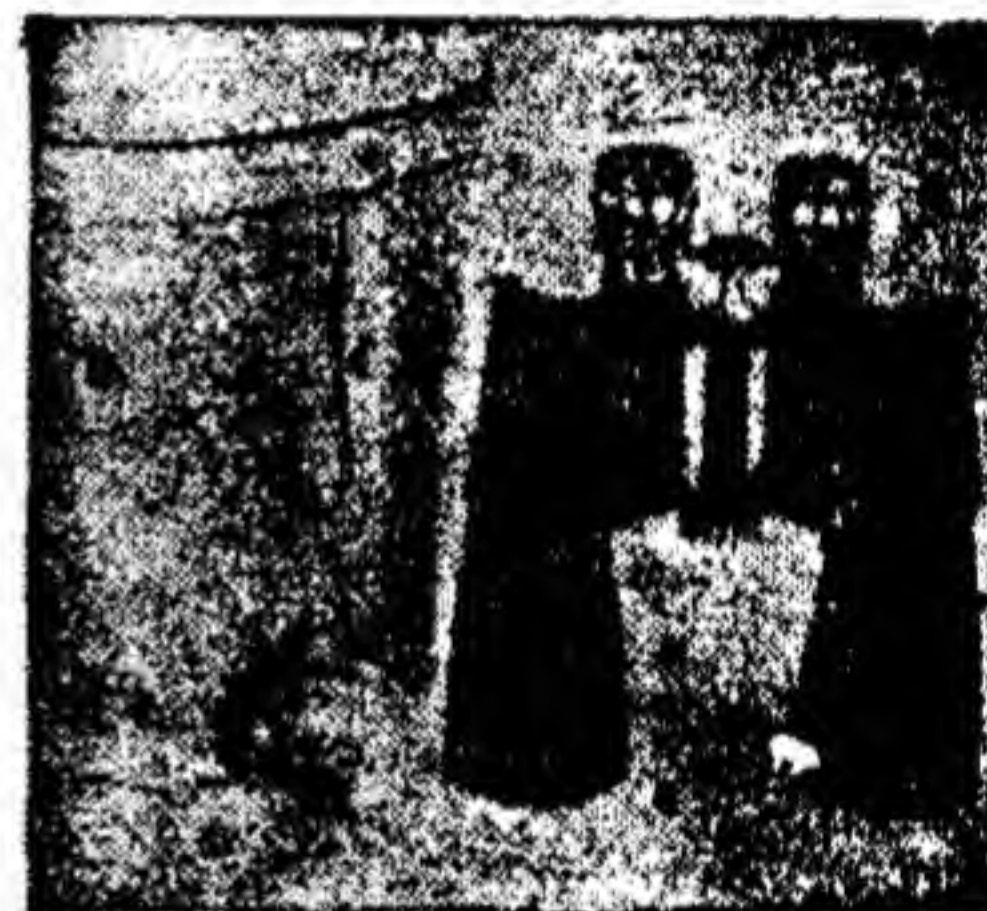
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SAUCERS FROM EARTH!

A CHALLENGE TO SECRECY!

FLYING SAUCERS has amassed a large file of evidence which its editors consider unassailable, to prove that the flying saucers are native to the planet Earth; that the governments of more than one nation (if not all of them) know this to be fact; that a concerted effort is being made to learn all about them, and to explore their native land; that the facts already known are considered so important that they are the world's top secret; that the danger is so great that to offer public proof is to risk widespread panic; that public knowledge would bring public demand for action which would topple governments both helpless and unwilling to comply; that the inherent nature of the flying saucers and their origination area is completely disruptive to political and economic status-quo.

Since the day Kenneth Arnold first brought flying saucers to wide public attention by his famous sighting, one fact has been consistently brought forth by investigator—flying saucers did not originate with that sighting, but have been with humanity for centuries if not thousands of years. Flying Saucers is the popular term for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). The popular "saucer" shape is only a segment of the phenomena. Properly, the important fact to consider is that intelligently controlled phenomena appear in our atmosphere. Their exact nature is a matter for conjecture, and is quite varied in configuration (to use a favorite Air Force word). It is this fact of antiquity which poses the most important single factor in analyzing the phenomena. At one stroke it eliminates contem-

porary earth governments as the originators of the mysterious phenomena.

Because of this antiquity, many investigators have turned from the earth to other planets, and to other solar systems. Each planet has its followers in this group of investigators, and such bodies as Venus, Mars and Saturn are favorites with the so-called contactees. We are not at all concerned in this symposium of evidence with the contactee—a phenomenon as "unidentified" as UFO themselves. It may not even be remotely related. However, chief among the advocates of interplanetary origin is Major Donald E. Keyhoe, whose efforts are entirely directed toward collecting evidence that will serve to advance this theory. The interplanetary theorist has a large following, and is perhaps the only theory that will even be considered by scientific men

such as astronomers. While it is true that there are many mysteries of an interplanetary nature, linking them with UFO demands a stretching of the evidence, and a great deal of extrapolation. It may be true that there are "configurations" on the Moon, for instance, which are used by Keyhoe to postulate "flying saucers" on that body. Unfortunately (for Keyhoe) this same evidence is used by contactees such as Adamski to support their contentions. Actually, the Moon is remote, in reference to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, and we must disregard it when we speak of atmospheric phenomena: events which occur within our atmosphere. Since almost all "sightings" are in-atmosphere in nature, the greatest percentage of thinking on them must be limited to the atmosphere.

Because our planet is quite well (but not completely) known, it has been easy for interplanetary theorists to prove that the strange objects are not made by any single government or group of governments on Earth. Such a vast project could not remain secret over so long a period, and also, the matter of antiquity does not allow the phenomena to be fitted into the history of existing governments.

How well-known is the Earth? Is there any area on Earth which can be regarded as a possible origin for the flying saucers? There are two, speaking in major terms, and four, speaking in more minor terminology. The two major areas, in order of importance, are Antarctica and the Arctic. The South Polar continent, and the North Polar area. We speak of the North Polar area because exploration made public to date indicates there is no land, but that it is an ocean, frozen over with ice, under which exploration by submarine is being carried on. The two

minor areas are South America's Matto Grosso and Asia's Tibetan Highlands.

Could the flying saucers come from any of these areas? We can largely eliminate the Matto Grosso and the Tibetan Highlands; firstly because of the enormous numbers of the UFO, and secondly because these areas are not entirely unexplored, and can be flown over almost at will. Evidence is lacking in both these areas. Negative evidence, however, does exist in some measure, sufficiently to cause theorists to discard both areas, except in a minor way. At most, either or both Matto Grosso and Tibetan Highland, can be suspected to be "bases" or something on the order of "way stations".

What about the North Pole? Explorers say it is entirely oceanic in nature, covered with ice which sometimes melts in part, and in many areas is quite thin at all times. The depth of the ocean beneath this ice varies from some 24 fathoms to several miles. Flights have been made to and across the North Pole. Submarines, notably *Nautilus* and *Skate*, have traveled to the Pole and returned, crossing from one side to the other (Point Barrow to Spitzbergen). Apparently the sort of base necessary for the UFO mystery in its entirety does not exist in the North Polar regions.

What about the South Pole? Here we have a continent quite as large as North and South America combined, insofar as land mass is concerned. At least one large area (40,000 square miles) is known to experience 100% melting during the summer, and even in winter possesses warm water lakes (from warm springs, geysers, etc). This area is under control of the Russians, who have a permanent base there. Expeditions from both Little

America and from the British zone of exploration, have reached the South Pole. Expeditions have also reached the South Magnetic Pole. This is a distinction it is necessary to stress, due to the strange fact that the South Magnetic Pole is actually 2300 miles distant from the South Geographic Pole. It is a fact that a tremendous land area exists in the South Pole Continental Area which is unexplored and which constitutes a large blank on the map of the Earth.

Let us consider the North Pole first, and discover what we know about it. What are the facts about the "top" of the Earth?

First, it is surrounded on all sides by known areas of land. Siberia, Spitzbergen, Alaska, Canada, Finland, Norway, Greenland, Iceland. The northern shores of these lands border on the Arctic Ocean, in the virtual center of which both the geographic and magnetic poles exist. These two poles are separated by less than 200 miles, and one of them, the magnetic pole, is known to "wander" somewhat.

The North Pole has been reached by a number of expeditions. The latest we know of are the exploits of the *Nautilus* and *Skate*, both atomic submarines which traversed the entire extent of the Arctic Ocean beneath the ice, making the Pole itself (magnetic) a stopping point. On the surface of things, it can be said that the North Polar Area is fairly well explored. In addition to our submarine explorations, the Russians have also traversed the Arctic Ocean. They have even established magnetic "bases", navigational aids which they have planted along Alaskan and Canadian shores, so that rocket-launching atomic bomb submarines can proceed swiftly to a prearranged launching site, and fire rockets on

prearranged courses. American submarines have been busily (we hope) moving these navigational aids to new sites which throw off the prearranged calculations, thus making them worthless.

But there is an area of doubt which FLYING SAUCERS intends to explore, and to present as the first of its bits of evidence which point to what may well be the best-kept secret in history. In order to do so, we must go back to 1947. In February of that year, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the one man who has done the most to make the North Pole a known area, made the following statement: "I'd like to see that land beyond the Pole. That area beyond the Pole is the center of the great unknown."

Millions of people read his statement in their daily newspapers. And millions thrilled to the Admiral's subsequent flight to the Pole and to a point 1700 miles beyond it. Millions heard the radio broadcast description of that flight, which was also published in the newspapers. Briefly, for the benefit of our readers, we will recount that flight as it progressed. When the plane took off from its Arctic base, it proceeded straight north to the Pole. From that point, it flew on a total of 1700 miles beyond the Pole, and then retraced its course to its Arctic base. As progress was made beyond the Pole point, iceless land and lakes, mountains covered with trees, and even a monstrous animal moving through the underbrush, were observed and reported via radio by the plane's occupants. For almost all of the 1700 miles the plane flew over land, mountains, trees, lakes, rivers.

What land was it? Look at your map. Calculate the distance to the Pole from all the known lands we have previously mentioned. A good

portion of them are well within the 1700 mile range. But none of them are within 200 miles of the Pole. Byrd flew over no known land. He himself called it "the great unknown". And great it is, indeed! For after 1700 miles over land, he was forced by gasoline supply limit to return, and he had not yet reached the end of it! He should have been well inside one of the known areas mentioned. He should have been back to "civilization". But he was not. He should have seen nothing but ice-covered ocean, or at the very most, partially open ocean. Instead he was over mountains covered with forests.

Forests!

Incredible! The northernmost limit of the timber-line is located well down into Alaska, Canada and Siberia. North of that line no tree grows! All around the North Pole, the tree does not grow within 1700 miles of the Pole!

What have we here? We have the well-authenticated flight of Admiral Richard E. Byrd to a land beyond the Pole that he so much wanted to see, because it was the center of the unknown, the center of mystery. Apparently he had his wish gratified to the fullest, yet today, in 1959, nowhere is that mysterious land mentioned. Why? Was that 1947 flight fiction? Did all the newspapers lie? Did the radio from Byrd's plane lie?

No, Admiral Byrd did fly beyond the Pole.

Beyond?

What did the Admiral mean when he used that word? How is it possible to go "beyond" the Pole? Let us consider for a moment: Let us imagine that we are transported, by some miraculous means, to the exact point of the North Magnetic Pole. We arrive there instantaneously, not knowing from which

direction we came. And all we know is that we are to proceed from the Pole to Spitzbergen. But where is Spitzbergen? Which way do we go? South, of course! But which south? All directions from the North Pole are south!

This is actually a simple navigational problem. All expeditions to the Pole, whether flown, or by submarine, or on foot, have been faced with this problem. Either they must retrace their steps, or discover which southerly direction is the correct one to their destination, whatever it has been determined to be. The problem is solved by making a turn, in any direction, and proceeding approximately 20 miles. Then we stop, shoot the stars, correlate with our compass reading (which no longer points straight down, but toward the North Magnetic Pole), and plot our course on the map. Then it is a simple matter to proceed to Spitzbergen by going south.

Admiral Byrd did not follow this traditional navigational procedure: when he reached the Pole, he continued on for 1700 miles. To all intents and purposes, he continued on a northerly course, after crossing the Pole. And weirdly, it stands on the record that he succeeded, for he did see that "land beyond the Pole" which to this day, if we are to scan the records of newspapers, book, radio, television and word of mouth, has never been revisited!

That land, on today's maps, cannot exist. But since it does, we can only conclude that today's maps are incorrect, incomplete, and do not present a true picture of the northern hemisphere!

Having thus located a great land mass in the North, not on any map today, a land which is the center of the great unknown, which can

only be construed to imply that the 1700 mile extent traversed by Byrd is only a **portion** of it, let us go to the South Pole and see what we can learn about it.

On April 5, 1955, the U.S. Navy announced an expedition to the South Pole. It was to be headed by Admiral Richard E. Byrd. It consisted of five ships, fourteen airplanes, special tractors, and a complement of 1393 men. The stated purpose of the expedition was as follows: "To construct a satellite base at the South Pole."

In San Francisco, on the eve of his departure, Admiral Byrd delivered a radio address in which he stated: "This is the most important expedition in the history of the world."

Let us pause a moment and pretend we are rocket men, primarily the scientist-rocket-men who are engaged in launching satellites. Our task is a troublesome one. Many failures result. Our work is a tremendously difficult task, and sometimes important rocket shoots are delayed for days by weather. Our base is a gigantic one, here at Cape Canaveral. The logistics problem is enormous. The rockets themselves weigh hundreds of tons. To be asked to set up such a satellite base at the South Pole would cause us to stare in utter amazement at the official making the request. We would waste no time in informing him that he hasten immediately to his psychiatrist and retire from active service, for he has indeed "gone off his rocker". In short, a satellite base at the tip of South America in plain words, is totally ridiculous. Even a satellite tracking station at the South Pole is nothing short of idiotic. For tracking purposes, a base at the tip of South America is entirely adequate. Or on a series of ships anchored about the Antarctic

Circle.

This, then, cannot be a satellite base. It must be something else. On January 13, 1956, we learn what it really is. On that date the U.S. Navy flies to a point 2300 miles beyond the South Pole. The entire distance is accomplished over land.

Once again, look at your map. Unlike the North Polar Sea, the South Polar Continent is entirely surrounded by water. And in all cases, no matter what direction you proceed from the South Pole, you pass from the continental area to a known oceanic area. You proceed hundreds of miles over water to reach a distance of 2300 miles.

Once again we have penetrated an unknown and mysterious land which does not appear on today's maps. And once again, we find no further announcement beyond the initial announcement of the achievement.

And strangest of all, we find the world's millions absorbing the announcements, and registering a complete blank insofar as curiosity is concerned. Nobody, hearing the announcements, or reading of them in the newspaper, bothers to get a map and **check** the facts! Or if they do, they only shake their heads in puzzlement, and then shrug their shoulders. If Admiral Byrd is not bothered with the apparent inconsistencies, why should they be?

Here, then, are the facts: At both poles exist unknown and vast land areas, not in the least uninhabitable, extending for distances which can only be called tremendous, because they encompass an area **bigger** than any known continental area! The North Polar Mystery Land seen by Byrd and his crew is at least 1700 miles across its traversed direction, and cannot be conceived to be merely a narrow strip, as the factor of coinci-

dence in flying precisely along its longest extent is improbable. It is a land area perhaps as large as the entire United States! The land area at the South Pole, considering that the flight began 400 miles west of the Pole, and thus covers a continuous land area of 2700 miles in one direction, means a land area possibly as big as North America in addition to the known extent of the South Polar Continent, which is located north of the Pole whereas the 2300-mile land traversed by the Navy plane is "beyond" the Pole. Once more the same condition of navigation exists: progress was made to the Pole and then straight on beyond it, with the one difference that the South Geographic Pole is located 2300 miles away from the South Magnetic Pole, and it is not necessary to perform the navigational maneuver described previously. If navigating from the South Magnetic Pole, the procedure is again necessary, with differences due to the greater angle of inclination to the stars, and the possibility of navigation entirely by the stars rather than with the aid of a compass.

Let's stop here and make a statement that logically follows: the flying saucers could come from these two unknown lands "beyond the Poles". It is the opinion of the editors of FLYING SAUCERS that the existence of these lands cannot be disproved by anyone, considering the facts of the two expeditions which we have outlined. These facts can be checked by anyone. You have merely to read the newspapers of the day. If there is anyone who can satisfactorily explain away these two expeditions, and the statements of Admiral Richard E. Byrd concerning them, FLYING SAUCERS will give him every inch of space necessary to complete his

explanation.

Just for the record, let's present the actual announcement carried by press and radio on February 5, 1956: "On January 13, members of the United States expedition accomplished a flight of 2,700 miles from the base at McMurado Sound, which is 400 miles west of the South Pole, and penetrated a land extent of 2300 miles beyond the Pole."

And on March 13, Admiral Byrd reported, upon his return from the South Pole: "The present expedition has opened up a vast new land."

Finally, in 1957, before his death, he reported it as: "That enchanted continent in the sky, land of everlasting mystery!" Which statement remains to your editors as the most mysterious of all, and almost inexplicable. "Enchanted continent in the sky . . ." Everlasting mystery, indeed!

Considering all this, is there any wonder that all the nations of the world have suddenly found the South Polar region (particularly), because of its known land area and the North Pole region so intensely interesting and important, and have launched explorations on a scale actually tremendous in scope?

And was it because of Admiral Byrd's weird flight into an unknown Polar land in 1947 that the International Geophysical Year was conceived in that year, and finally brought to fruition ten years later, and is actually still going on? Did his flight make it suddenly imperative to discover the real nature of this planet we live on, and solve the tremendous mysteries that unexpectedly confronted us?

If you have followed us thus far, it may be that you have gone to your map or your globe and have tried to fit these mysterious lands onto the planet, and have come up

with a snort and said: "These bits of evidence are all very well, but the fact remains there is nowhere physically to place these land masses. Since the space to do so is lacking, there exists a fundamental impossibility which cannot be overcome." Good boy! Don't give up your guns. Insist that we overcome this fundamental impossibility, and support our original evidence in not a few ways, but in hundreds.

Although it is obvious to your editor that the complete evidence cannot be presented in one single issue of **FLYING SAUCERS**, we intend to continue to present it in each issue until we have covered the entire range of evidence. There is evidence, and it is totally factual. It covers the fields of astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, anthropology and exploration. We have spent thirteen years in amassing this wealth of facts, and we shall present them all before we have finished. The reader is therefore asked to remain with us until we have completed our presentation.

The question that most logically follows the two instances of exploration which we have outlined is whether or not other Polar Expeditions have encountered similar and confirming conditions. In order to answer this question, it will be necessary to examine the records of all North and South Pole explorations from the very first of which modern man has any knowledge. As a sub-subject, it might be interesting later on to go into legend and mythology for still further bits of confirmation, but we are concerned now only with presenting provable facts. In the presentation of these facts, we intend to draw no conclusion. They should become obvious to the reader without prompting.

To those of our readers so inclined, there must be a great deal

of interest on their part in the historically famous debate on which, or both, or neither, Cook or Perry actually reached the North Pole. In the years following these expeditions, much debate went on, and even today arguments rage. Briefly, let's outline the claims of both men.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook said he reached the Pole on April 21, 1908. His announcement was followed by a few days by one from Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary that he had reached the Pole on April 6, 1909. Both men hurled accusations against the other, Cook even saying that Peary had appropriated some of his stores cached against his return from the Pole. Cook, in his turn failed to supply notes he said he had kept of his trip, and thereby cast doubt on his own story. The reader who is interested in the whole story should visit his library and read up on the controversy.

Although Cook claims to have been the first to reach the Pole we will take Peary's claim, which has been universally recognized, and examine it. Cook's claim was discredited on one basis because the sun altitude was so low that observations of it as proof of position were worthless. It should be noted that Peary also reached the Pole in April, 15 days earlier in the season, and therefore under even more adverse solar observations conditions. His calculations therefore are more suspect than Cook's. Cook, it was said, had no witnesses other than Eskimos; the same is true of Peary. Peary, however, lacked witnesses through choice, having ordered his white companions to remain behind, while he went on alone with one Eskimo companion to the Pole. Cook was doubted in his claim that he averaged 15 miles a day. Peary claimed to have made over 20. Un-

doubtedly the argument will never be settled. However, there is the factor regarding Peary's dash to the Pole, which, in our opinion, is quite remarkable. This factor lies in the fantastic speed with which he made his trip.

When Peary neared the 88th parallel, he decided to attempt the final dash to the Pole in five days. He made 25 miles the first day; 20 on the second; 20 on the third; 25 on the fourth; 40 on the fifth. His five-day average was 26 miles. On the return trip he traveled a total of 153 miles in two days, including a halt 5 miles from the Pole to take a sounding of the ocean depth. This is an average of $76\frac{1}{2}$ miles per day. His actual traveling time was approximately 19 hours per day. This is a walking speed of 4 miles per hour. Can a man walk that fast under the incredible conditions of the North Pole area, an ice-terrain described by the men of the atomic submarine *Skate* as fantastically jumbled and jagged? And yet, further south, with presumably better going, he was able to average only 20 miles per day.

We stress the distances only because the ones nearest the Pole are weirdly impossible. Only if Peary was reporting honestly would we have included such contradictory calculations which he must have known would discredit his story. Therefore we can assume that he did report honestly, and that we have a speed of travel which projects into the same mysterious area in the same "unfittable" manner as a whole vast continent fits into a space that is totally lacking. When traveling over a land whose dimensions are fantastically "expanded," will we not also travel at an equally fantastically "expanded" speed? It will be well to remember that these speeds were calculated by astron-

omical observation, because the astronomical basis of these calculations will be taken up later in presentation of evidence.

To those who will study up on the subject of Polar Exploration, it will soon become evident that the feature most agreed upon by all North Polar explorers is that the area is oceanic, covered by water, and that it is variously frozen over or partially open, depending on the time of year. One peculiarity which many explorers remark upon, however, is that paradoxically, the open water exists in greater measure at the nearer reaches of the Pole. In fact, some explorers found it very hot going at times, and were forced to shed their Arctic clothing; there even being one record of an encounter with naked Eskimos. Yet, with all this confirmed oceanic area, we have the contradiction of Admiral Byrd's flight being almost entirely over land, mountains covered with trees, interspersed with lakes and streams.

One of the reports from Byrd expedition was the sighting of a huge animal with dark fur. Are there such animals, or traces of them, in the Arctic? Beginning in Siberia, along the Lena river, there lie exposed on the soil, and buried within it, the bones and tusks of literally millions of mammoths and mastodons. The consensus of scientific opinion is that these are prehistoric remains, and that the mammoth existed some 20,000 years ago, and was wiped out in the unknown catastrophe we now call the last Ice Age. In 1799, a fisherman named Schumachoff, living in Tongue (Siberia), discovered a complete mammoth frozen in a clear block of ice. Hacking it free, he despoiled it of its huge tusks, and left the carcass of fresh meat to be devoured by wolves. Later an ex-

pedition set out to examine it, and today its skeleton may still be seen in the Museum of Natural History in Petrograd (then St. Petersburg).

Early in the century, approximately 1910, a very scientific meal was served in Petrograd. It consisted of wheat from the Egyptian tombs, preserved foods from Pompeii and Herculaneum, mammoth meat from Siberia, and other interesting and ancient viands. The mammoth meat was fresh, and the mammoth from which it had been taken still had undigested food in its stomach, this undigested food consisting of young shoots of fir and pine and young fir cones. According to the scientists, this mammoth was one of the millions slain instantly in a gigantic catastrophe 20,000 years ago, in a habitat then tropical, in which the vegetation was fern and tropical in nature. Yet, in the stomach of this mammoth is found the sparse food of a sub-Arctic area such as much of Alaska or Northern Canada is today. There is good reason to cast doubt upon the tropic origin of the mammoth, and its sudden demise. And if the demise was not sudden, then the presence of indigested food (not digested even by so much as minutes exposure to stomach acids) in the stomach of the mammoth is unexplainable. True the death must have been sudden, but it was not of tropic locale. If not tropic, then the Ice Age onset is not the cause of death. The cause of death, then, is Arctic in nature, and could have occurred any time. But since the Ice Age, there have been no mammoths in the known world. Unless they exist in the mysterious land beyond the Pole, where one of them was actually seen alive by members of the Byrd expedition! Others who dined on mammoth meat were James Oliver Curwood and Gabrielle D'Annunzio, who gave a banquet at

the Hotel Carlton in Paris.

We have taken the mammoth as a rather sensational modern evidence of Byrd's mysterious land, but there are many lesser proofs that an unknown originating point exists somewhere in the northern reaches. We will merely list a few, suggesting that the reader, in examining the records of polar explorers for the past two centuries, will find evidences of both fauna and flora impossible to reconcile with the known areas of land mentioned early in this presentation of facts, those areas surrounding the Polar Area on your present-day maps.

The musk-ox, contrary to expectations, migrates **north** in the wintertime. Repeatedly, Arctic explorers have observed bear heading north into an area where there cannot be food for them. Foxes also are found north of the 80th parallel, heading north, obviously well-fed. Without exception, Arctic explorers agree that the further north one goes, the warmer it gets. Invariably, a north wind brings warmer weather. Coniferous trees drift ashore, from out of the north. Butterflies and bees are found in the far north, but never hundreds of miles further south; not until Canadian and Alaskan climate areas conducive to such insect life are reached. Unknown varieties of flowers are found. Birds resembling snipe, but unlike any known species of bird, come out of the north, and return there. Hare are plentiful in an area where no vegetation ever grows, but where vegetation appears as drifting debris from the northern open waters. Eskimo tribes, migrating northward, have left unmistakeable traces of their migration in their temporary camps, always advancing northward. Southern Eskimos themselves speak of tribes that live in the far north.

The Ross gull, common at Point Barrow, migrates in October toward the north. Only Admiral Byrd's "mystery land" can account for these inexplicable facts and migrations.

The Scandanavian legend of a wonderful land far to the North called "Ultima Thule" (commonly confused today with Greenland) is significant when studied in detail, because of its remarkable resemblance to the kind of land seen by Byrd, and its remarkable far north location. To assume that Ultima Thule is Greenland is to come face to face with the contradiction of the Greenland Ice Cap, which fill the entire Greenland basin to a depth of 10,000 feet. A green, fertile land in this location places itself so deep in antiquity that it postulates an overturn of the Earth, and a new North Pole area (see National Geographic's exploration of the Greenland Ice Cap and its possible significance).

Is Admiral Byrd's land of mystery, center of the great unknown, the same as the Ultima Thule of the Scandinavian legends?

There are mysteries concerning the Antarctic also. Perhaps the greatest is a highly technical one of biology itself; for on the New Zealand and South American land masses are identical fauna and flora which could not have migrated from one to the other, but rather are believed to have come from a common motherland. That motherland is believed to be the Antarctic Continent. But on a more "popular" level is the case of the sailing vessel *Gladys*, captained by E. B. Hatfield, in 1893. The ship was completely surrounded by icebergs at 43 degrees south and 33 degrees west and finally escaped its entrapment at 40 degrees south and 30 degrees west. At this latitude an iceberg

was observed which bore a large quantity of sand and earth, and which revealed a beaten track, a place of refuge formed in a sheltered nook, and the bodies of five dead men who lay on different parts of the berg. Bad weather prevented any attempts at further investigation.

Bear in mind that it is a unanimous consensus of opinion among scientists that the one thing peculiar to the Antarctic is that there are no human tribes living upon it. But this consensus must be wrong, because investigation showed that no vessel was lost in the Antarctic at that time, so that these dead men could not have been shipwrecked sailors. Even today, with Antarctic exploration at its height, the lack of human life on that bleak continent is agreed upon. Could it be that these men who died on that berg came from "that mysterious land beyond the South Pole" discovered by the Byrd expedition? Had they ventured out of their warm, habitable land and lost their way along the ice shelf, finally to be drifted to their deaths at sea on a portion of it, broken away to become an iceberg while they were on it?

Most recent evidence that there is something strange about the Poles of Earth comes in the launching of Polar orbit satellites. The first six of these rockets launched by the United States from the California coast were full of disappointments—and surprises. The first two, although perfect launchings, seemed to go wrong at the last minute, and although presumed to be in orbit, failed to show up on the first complete pass around the Earth. Technically, speaking, they should have gone into orbit but they did not. Something happened, and the location of this something was

the Polar area. The next two rockets fired did achieve orbits. This was done by "elevating sights", so to speak, and trying for a higher orbit, with a large degree of eccentricity, that is, a high point of orbit above the poles and a low point of orbit at equatorial areas. It was admitted that this eccentric orbit would produce a short-lived orbit, but it would also give the advantage of readings at widely varied heights above the Earth. Especially interesting was the readings expected above the Poles, because of the discovery of the radiation ring that surrounds the Earth like a huge doughnut, with openings at both Poles. Scientists were very anxious to map this area of low radiation, because it offered a hope of an escape breach for future space travelers who faced almost certain death from radiation while passing through the forbidding belt discovered around the equatorial and temperate areas of the Earth.

The next two satellites bore nose cones similar to those in which a future astronaut would be sent into orbit. In each one was a powerful radio transmitter, which was possible because the cone was the size of an automobile, and carried heavy batteries. Also included were powerful lights which could be illuminated at the proper time. The technique of releasing this cone from the satellite was to drop it by a radio-triggered device somewhere above Alaska. Once dropped, the cone lost altitude and proceeded around the Earth for one more revolution on its orbit. Having come over the Pole, it was then low enough (calculated the rocket men) to drop into the atmosphere over Hawaii, where a parachute would lower it slowly to the Earth's surface, and there huge planes awaited, rigged to "fish for" the descending cone, and take it into the plane before it dropped into

the ocean and thus retrieve its important contents intact, without damage of crash landing.

On both occasions the following happened: The powerful radio signals were not heard at all. The lights were not seen at all. Radar, with a range at least 500 miles detected absolutely nothing. Each "pick-up" was a complete failure because there was nothing to pick up.

The explanation of the radio failure was advanced as "freezing" of the batteries so that the radio failed to work. No explanation was given for the failure of lights, or of radar detection. That the batteries froze is a strange explanation, considering that similar batteries in other satellites, orbiting for months, and even years, have never frozen. Failure might be admitted in one case, but total failure in both instances bears the aura of improbability.

Each launching was perfect. Orbits finely determined as to exact distance, speed, etc. were achieved, and constantly tracked. Yet, when the final deed is done, and the cone is detached successfully according to monitoring devices signaling the detachment, everything, goes wrong and the result is complete and inexplicable disappearance of the cone. True, the statement is made that there is only a 1000 to 1 chance of success, and thus two failures are not unreasonable. But the failures are not to be complete ones. By failure is meant the successful final "pick-up" of the cone by the aircraft. Not complete disappearance! At least radio signals will be received, lights will be seen, radar will spot the descending cone.

Can it be that the reason the descending cone does not come over the Pole on that last low pass is because the Polar Area is mysterious in extent, not in the area cal-

culated by the rocket men, and therefore not taken into consideration? Can it be that the nose cone fell to Earth inside that "land of mystery" discovered by Admiral Byrd? Where else could they have gone? If the Earth at the Poles is as given on today's maps, could four successive "low-level" launchings give the same inexplicable result—unreasonable disappearance?

If there is 1700 (or more) miles of land extent in addition to the area bounded by longitudes and latitudes on a sphere existing in the Arctic, it follows that the recorded disappearances are not inexplicable, but certain to occur! Naturally a rocket cone figured to traverse a certain distance (in these cases approximately 33,000 miles) will not land at a predetermined point if the distance to be traveled is greater by 1700 miles. Our radar will fail to find our cone, and our eyes will see no lights. But why will our radio fail to send its signals to us? Is it because that "land of mystery" is of an "intervening" nature? Radio waves will not go through the Earth, of course. If solid substance intervenes, then we can understand why radio waves do not penetrate it. But what kind of a land configuration can it be that "intervenes" in this way? Why don't we have the "skip and bounce" effect from the stratosphere, which presumably exists over Byrd's "land of mystery" as well as over the lands on the map?

Since the mapped area of the spherical Earth does not allow sufficient room in which to place our two mystery lands, can it be that the Earth is of a different shape, one that allows us to place these lands on that portion of it which does not come under the category of "spherical"? To many readers this will bring a snort and a humor-

ous smile. They will say that we are bringing up the old saw of the Earth not being round. Columbus, they will say, finally proved that to the Earth's peoples, and Magellan actually did sail completely around the Earth by sailing in one direction until he had come back to his starting point. Also, anyone can go out on the night of a Lunar Eclipse, and see the round shadow of the Earth cross the face of the Moon. Seeing is believing, they will say—and just try to get around that!

It is true that seeing is believing, for most people. But the most informed optical scientist will not hold that popular view. He will point out that the human eye, like the telescope, is a lens. And the proved property of any lens is that it tends to make everything look round. No matter what we look at, distance converts the lines of the observed object from straight, or angular, or crooked, to perfectly circular ones. This is a familiar phenomenon to aviators, who know that from the air, no house has a square chimney; they are all round. Any aircraft carrier pilot will tell you that as he brings in his jet at a great height, his carrier looks like a round dot beneath him, and as he descends, it becomes a rectangle again. Anyone who has gone through a railroad tunnel, riding on the rear platform, will testify that the tunnel opening, if square, will gradually grow round as the train proceeds into the tunnel. Optical illusions, they are called. Any camera expert will tell you that the film records distant or extremely small objects as round dots, and that great magnification is necessary to resolve this roundness, and beyond a certain limit (that of the "grain" of the emulsion itself) it is impossible to resolve this roundness.

The scientific fact is that were the Moon actually square, at a distance of 240,000 miles our eye, our telescope, our camera would tell us it is round! No matter what shape it is, we would see it only as round. Actually, we cannot prove that the Moon is round; nor the Earth.

Thus, the arguments for a perfectly round Earth are not based on fact, only on assumption. This assumption is based on a brand of astronomy no longer acceptable to the scientist. Today the nebular theory of formation of planets, suns, even galaxies, is looked upon favorably. The condensation of nebula into stars and planets is accomplished by whirling motion. The whirling motion more often produces the "spindle" shape, round at the "equator", and projecting at the "pole"; or the "doughnut" shape, with flattened poles and holes through the middle. Since the Earth so formed, it may well be that it is either shape. We would not be aware of it by optical evidence, as we have shown.

On the one hand, the "spindle" shape possesses many specific arguments against it, and is the least reasonable. Astronomical bearings taken anywhere on the "spindle" portion would begin to show tell-tale evidence of the existence of the "spindle" shape. And they would be the reverse of factual sightings and bearings taken by Polar explorers. Actually, the bearings taken point to the "doughnut" shape:

Let us go back to Admiral Perry: his astounding rate of travel on his return from the Pole. If he were traveling over the inner lip of a "doughnut" shape, his bearings would indicate a great distance traveled, due to the fore-shortened horizon, and the "expanded" angle used in making his trigonometrical

calculations. Actually he would be traveling the same distance each day, and the drop in speed would be entirely compatible with the bearing observations taken with a constantly lengthening horizon.

Rocket scientists have made much of the discovery of the Van Allen Belt, which is a belt of radiation surrounding the Earth. The reader is invited to read about it in *Scientific American*, and especially note the drawings of its shape, which are precisely a vast "doughnut", with the spherical Earth pictured at its center, in the "hole" of the doughnut. What if the Earth is not spherical, but actually doughnut-shaped, exactly as its surrounding Van Allen Belt? Whatever makes the belt thusly shaped, might it not also be responsible for shaping the Earth similarly?

The evidence is extremely strong, and amazingly prolific in scope and extent, that the Earth actually is shaped in this fashion. And if it is hollow, then we no longer need look for the saucers from outer space—but rather from "inner space"! And judging from the evidences, the interior is extremely habitable! Vegetation in abundance is there; animals abound; the "extinct" mammoth still lives! Byrd flew 1700 miles over the inner edge of the "doughnut hole", and the Navy flew 2300 miles over the opposite inner edge. Both flights went a partial way into the inner Earth. And if this is all true, then no doubt extended flights to 10,000 miles and beyond have been made since 1957 into this hollow Earth, for we have the planes with the range to do it! If the government knew the significance of the Byrd-Navy flights, it would certainly not neglect to explore further!

Aime Michel, in his "straight line" theory, proved that most of

the "flight patterns" of the flying saucers are on a north-south course, which is exactly what would be true if the origin of the saucers is Polar.

In the opinion of the editors of **FLYING SAUCERS**, this Polar origin of the flying saucers will now have to be factually disproved. It is completely necessary that this be done. More than a simple denial is necessary. Any denial must be accompanied with positive proof. **FLYING SAUCERS** suggests that such proof cannot be provided. And until such proof is provided, **FLYING SAUCERS** takes the stand that all saucer groups should study the matter from the hollow Earth viewpoint, amass all confirmatory evidence available in the last two centuries, and search diligently for any contrary evidence. Now that we have tracked the saucers to the most logical origin (the one we have consistently insisted must exist because of the insurmountable obstacle of interstellar origin which demands factors almost beyond imagination), that the saucers come from our own Earth, it must be proved or disproved, one way or the other.

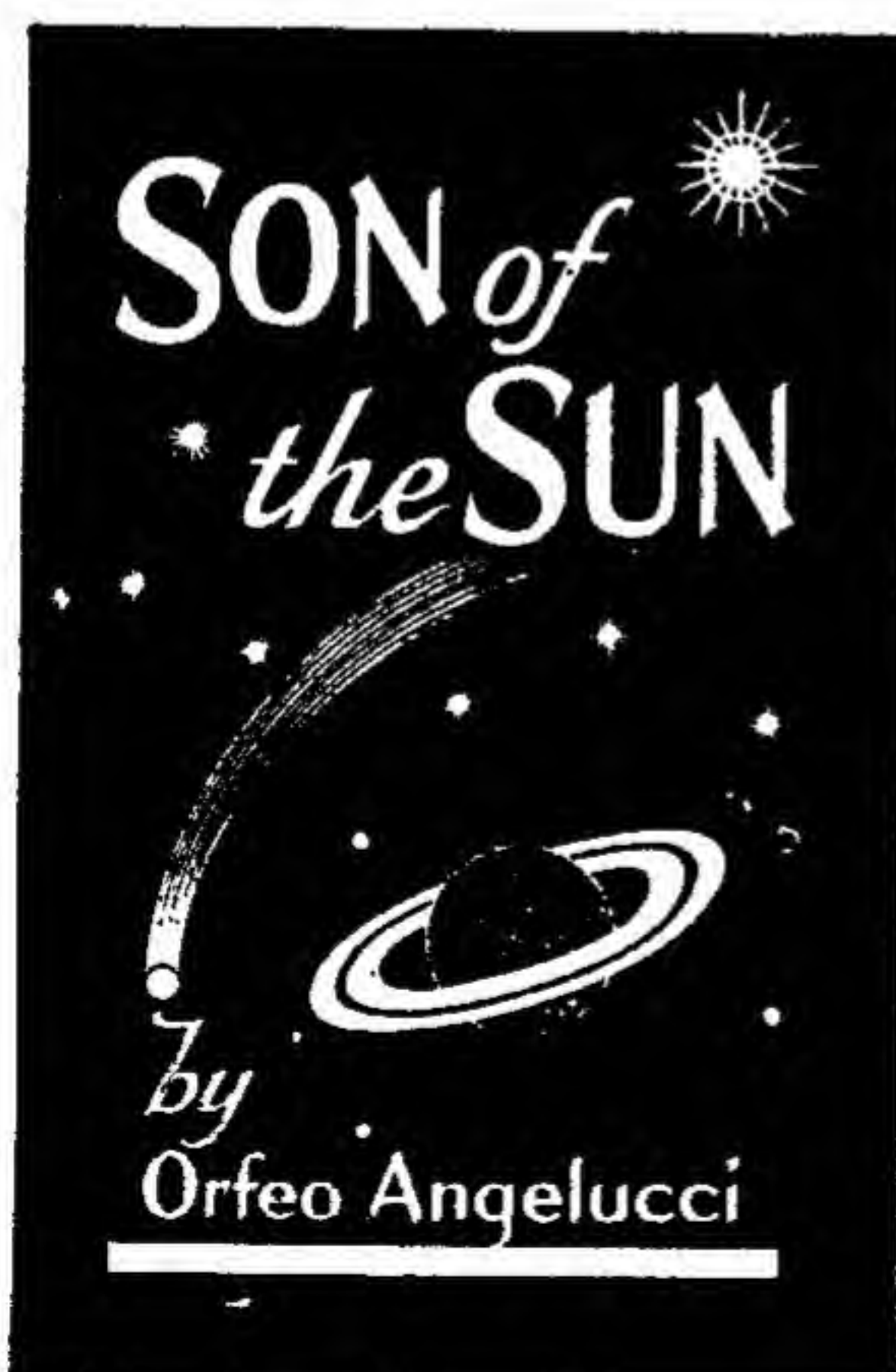
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the Earth is populated by a highly scientific and advanced race, we must make profitable contact with them; and if they are mighty in their science, which includes the science of war, we must not make enemies of them; and if it is the intent of our governments to regard the interior of the Earth as "virgin territory", and comparable to the "Indian Territory" of North America when the settlers came over to take it away from its rightful owners, it is the right of the people to know that intent, and to express their desire in the matter.

The Flying Saucer has become the most important single fact in history. The answer to the questions raised in this article must be answered. Admiral Byrd has discovered a new and mysterious land, the center of the great unknown, and the most important discovery of all time. We have it from his own lips, from a man whose integrity has always been unimpeachable, and whose mind was one of the most brilliant of modern times.

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Two of our biggest surprises of August (which is just ending as we write this) surely had something to do with saucers, one of them probably in a roundabout way—but they had something to talk about, and, for a change, **THINK** about.

For issues and issues we had been recounting the usual sightings, talking pro and con on the usual saucer issues. But as we had sat down to write, we wondered if we were actually accomplishing anything. Surely we were providing (or hoped we were providing) interesting reading, for we had gathered and read the news with great eagerness. We hoped we had imparted the same excitement to the written page that we had experienced when we first ran across it.

Sightings had definitely been off during the heat of the summer. Maybe that was the discouraging element. But our discouragement probably was the kind of discouragement which had led many researchers to throw up their hands. It might be boiled down to two words: **boredom**, and more serious than that, **frustration**.

But in August two things happened which seemed to change all that.

I still don't know exactly why; maybe it was because they brought with them an undefinable feel, the feel of change, the feel that a solution to the UFO mystery was imminent.

The first happening occurred during the Long John Nebel "Party Line" program over WOR, New York, during the early morning hours of August 23. It may have been coincidence that shortly before the happening we had been talking, some of us a derogatory fashion, about Ray Palmer's **FACT**; but anyhow, somebody told the engineer to flip off a switch, and we were cut off the air in the middle of a discussion.

The second happening might be described as having almost the rarity of the coming of the Millennium.

Under date of August 28th I received a letter from Ray Palmer!

Now a letter from Ray Palmer, as readers who have written to him well know, doesn't happen often. It's probably that he's really busy publishing and editing **FLYING SAUCERS** and **SEARCH**—or maybe he's just plowing his potatoes, or hoeing his corn. But I know I've received only three (or maybe four

at the most) letters from him since being associated with him in an editorial manner.

And it wasn't so much what Ray Palmer said that was intriguing—it was what he hinted. And I thought I knew what he was getting at, excepting one cryptic paragraph which I WILL take the risk and liberty to quote:

"Keep your wits about you in the future, and look for signs of hypnotism. You'll begin to see something"

Saucers Interrupt Milking

When the Long John show began at midnight, August 22, I lifted a great sheath of clippings, reports and publications onto my end of the long table, and John even asked me if I needed another small table. A bit embarrassed, I put some of it back into the brief case.

It developed that I had little time to talk about sightings. As I had been forewarned, James Moseley, editor of SAUCER NEWS, sat down as one of the panel members, and he, in the company of Rabbi Y. N. Ibn Aharon (shortened to just "Yonah" on the show) proceeded to review an article Moseley had published, charging that I had sent the "Three Men In Black" who had allegedly silenced investigator Albert K. Bender back in 1953.

Though I felt the article to be so ridiculously composed that nobody would believe it, Moseley and Yonah soon succeeded in angering me, and I began, I am afraid, gestulating and almost shouting what I thought about it. I lost so much control of my temper for a while that I was moving too far away from the microphone, which was remedied by a neck mike. Readers may be assured that I soon settled down and decided to talk calmly, but the discussion dragged on and on and I was unable to present

many cases I had brought along.

I wanted to bring out that some recent sightings again involved beings, or creatures of some sort, seen in close association with landed or hovering saucers. I had a very good clipping from the *Evening Mail* of Nelson, New Zealand, dated July 22.

It described how a Marlborough woman went out on her family's small nine-acre farm to milk her cows. Now it was not stated whether the animals were as frightened as Mrs. Frederick Moreland, but the strange craft and its two curious saucermen put a temporary end to the milking. It would be better to quote Mrs. Moreland, as she told the story to reporters:

"At 5.30 a.m. on Monday, July 12, I went across the paddock to milk the cows. I noticed a green glow in the clouds. As there was no moon, I wondered what it was. When I was half-way across the paddock, two large green things, like eyes or big lamps, appeared above me and dropped toward the ground.

"I noticed that I was bathed in a green light and that all the paddock was green too. It was a horrid sort of color. My first thought was, 'I shouldn't be here,' and I made a dive for the trees. I stood and watched.

"A saucer-shaped glow with two indented green lights in the bottom, descended. The air became very warm. Two rows of jets around the middle shot out orange-colored flames.*

"They appeared to revolve in opposite directions. The thing was about 20 to 30 feet in diameter. It hovered at about roof-top height."

Such jets are rather unusual in saucer sightings, but are reminiscent of "The Holly River Sighting" which we reported in the May, 1959, F.S. The similarity to terrestrial means of propulsion is one of those things which keep us continually questioning the theory that all saucers come from space—G.B.

Then, if added surprise was possible, Mrs. Moreland experienced it when she spotted the pilots of the machines:

"The jets stopped and a light was switched on in what appeared to be a glass dome or roof, which glowed. The bottom appeared to be of a grayish metal color. There was a faint hum in the air, as it hovered.

"There were two men in it, dressed in fairly close-fitting suits of shiny material. The only thing I can think of to describe it is aluminum foil. Opaque helmets rose from their shoulders. I could not see their faces. One of the men stood up and put two hands in front of him as if leaning over to look downward. He then sat down, and, after a minute or two, the jets started off again, and, tilting slightly at first, the thing shot up vertically at great speed and disappeared into the clouds. When it did this it made a soft but high-pitched sound."

Mrs. Moreland was now so dumfounded she just stood there, cowering among the trees, not knowing what to do. It was then she noticed a strange odor in the air, which she described as "like pepper."

Then to the eternal credit of New Zealanders' composure under stress, the good housewife decided it was time to get on with milking the cows, which evidently had been even more stoic during the incident. But as she milked away, she kept wondering about the experience, and decided to go into the house and wake her husband, apparently snoring away while his wife did the early morning chores. She was almost fearful to tell him, but when she had related her saucery experience, he jumped out of bed and telephoned the police.

Mrs. Moreland said that a police-

man, together with an air force officer came to her house, and apparently believed her story, as far as she could tell by their manner of listening. Then a later check disclosed that a neighbor, some three miles from the Moreland farm, had also seen something unusual the same morning. He had got out of bed for a drink of water and had lain down again when, still awake, he saw a bright light shining through the window. As car lights of vehicles approaching along the road often shine through his window, he idly waited for the sound of an engine. But as the light, of whitish orange color, gained intensity, then faded, he realized he was not hearing the vehicle. The light traveled from East to West.

Ray Palmer's "FACTS"

I remembered the story when Ray Palmer's "FACT" happened to come up on the Long John show. By some sort of weird logic which only they purported to understand, Jim Moseley and Yonah were trying to develop that I was untruthful, if only because I was associated with Ray Palmer. That alone did not seem logical to me, and they had not proved that Ray Palmer was untruthful; so I think I told them off again at that point and I could see Long John didn't like their tactics.

But they did seem respectful, if only in a puzzled way, when somebody brought up Ray Palmer's "FACT"—and we talked about it for five or ten minutes. A few hints which RAP had dropped here and there in his editorials had set me to wondering if, after all, I did not have the same "FACT" somewhere in my own mind if I could only dig it out. Palmer left the impression it had something to do with common sense, and that could well have been the reason nobody had solved the saucer yet: the

simple act of overlooking the obvious, perhaps. Al Bender, and others who had stopped talking about saucers after reaching some sort of conclusion, had given me that same impression.

Thinking about the housewife's close sighting I could not help making up my mind immediately that it was true, reaching the conclusion as easily as I had reached conclusions about other cases in which I could detect the tossing of that genus of ruminant quadrupeds commonly known as the bull.

But just what was it, if it were indeed a "FACT," which led me to positive or negative conclusions? Certainly my "FACT", if I had one, was of no relationship to that outlined by Yonah on the show.

It was simple, he said, to explain Ray Palmer's "FACT." Palmer, in collaboration with Kenneth Arnold, had invented the classical saucer sighting, and had followed this up with what Yonah termed "The Maury Island Hoax." If one thought fantastically enough, he could at least follow the theory, if only academically. If Palmer and Arnold had invented a classical type of sighting and publicized this widely, they would know that any similar report was false, because it obviously would be a fabricated copy of their originals.

Saucermen Wave Back at Priest

Whether or not I was going by any "FACT," I had reached similar conclusions about another close sighting involving saucer pilots and the same general area of the world. The clipping had come to me unidentified as to newspaper and date, but I assumed it was the same age as the one describing Mrs. Moreland's experience.

Father William Booth Gill, an Anglican priest assigned to Boianal Anglican Mission, Papua, New Guin-

ea, related how just after sunset on June 27 he and 12 other people saw a large flying object, along with two smaller ones.

The large saucer, however, departed from the usual. A drawing showed a well-shaped craft without a dome. If the Detroit of the saucer-men build convertibles, surely this must have been one, because standing on top of the thing, where the dome should have been, were four figures, which looked as if "they were doing something on the top deck."

"One figure seemed to be standing, looking down at us. I stretched my hand above my head and waved. To our surprise the figure did the same.

"Another person and myself waved both hands over our heads, and all four figures seemed to do the same. All the mission boys made audible gasps."

Later, after darkness had come (the thing must have hovered there for some time—G.B.), Father Gill flashed a flashlight at the object, and the crew acknowledged the signal by making several wavering motions back and forth.

The priest's closely-typed eight-page report, which was sent by way of another mission to Brisbane, Australia, and there intercepted and reported by civilian saucer investigator, D. H. Judge, also gave estimates of size. Diameter of the largest, on which the "men" stood, was roughly 35 feet at the bottom deck, and 20 feet at the top. While in view it operated between 2500 feet and 450 feet. The color was dull yellow when stationary and very bright when moving, changing from thin white to deep red and then to blue-green. The report also said that on an earlier date eight similar objects had been sighted, but without any occupants seen.

As I mulled over the sighting, I wondered just how Ray Palmer's "FACT" would influence his interpretation of the account, if he would analyze it. My own "FACT," if I indeed had one, would certainly give the incident a certain authenticity—at least the raw materials of the sighting rang true.

But the interpretation of the sighting by Father Gill would fit into a pattern which I have often seen, and feel is important:

The actions and appearances of the saucermen contained some of the good priest's own personality.

Father Gill very likely believes in brotherhood of mankind and good will toward all men. The saucermen were friendly, responded to the priest's show of brotherhood as he waved to them.

And since Father Gill surely treats of angels in his sermons and teachings, it is significant to observe that in one respect the saucermen conformed to that pattern: a blue light came from above their heads and they were illuminated down to the waist. In some way the beings or creatures in the saucer resembled the beings he preached about.

Cut Off The Air

I was almost glad someone did order Long John's engineer to pull the switch, for it was 4:30 in the morning, and I had been on the "hot seat" since midnight, talking almost constantly, except for a brief coffee break.

I don't remember the exact words being said at the particular moment. But Long John had just asked me if I thought Howard Menger had been silenced—after all, he had refused to appear on the show after his book, "FROM OUTER SPACE TO YOU," had come out, a time when any author wants all the publicity he can get. I had told John I

couldn't be certain (although I did know some new facts about Menger that the author had asked me not to reveal). Then John asked if I recalled how I wrote in FS that he might be "shut up" and asked me if I thought such a thing might come about.

Suddenly music filled the studio as Long John finished his comment, jumped up, and uttered expletives not proper to print here. Knowing a little about radio, mainly from my various appearances on the air, I figured that for some unknown reason we had been cut off the air, and that recorded music had been substituted. Then John ran into the control room where we could see, but not hear, an excited discussion with the engineer. The producer of the show then entered the studio and said slowly to another official, "It's serious this time."

Neither I nor the panel members were let in on what was going on. In answer to a question by Moseley, Long John replied only with, "You've seen what you have seen. I don't know any more myself."

We drew aside the producer and tried to question him.

"All I can say is," he told us, "that a voice which I knew, and knew to represent proper authority, was on the phone, and the voice ordered me to give the phone to the engineer. Let me say this—that the voice represented enough authority to be able to order the engineer to cut the program off and fill with music."

Then John instructed the producer how to answer all calls, especially those from regular panel members who would be calling up to find out what had gone wrong.

"When they call, tell them that John hasn't been feeling well all morning, that he had a slight headache, and planned to end the show

an hour early and play music during the remaining time. Say that the engineer made a mistake and cut the show too early, and that I'm giving him all kinds of hell over it."

Then Long John cut into the music and made an announcement, stating that the program had been interrupted because of reasons beyond his control. We could sense that the staff wanted us out of there, so we left the studio and went our separate ways, after a hurried conference in the lobby, trying to figure out what had happened.

At the door we encountered two fellows trying to get in, and as we opened the door (locked from the inside) they pushed past us, one of them explaining, "I'm from the News!" We figured the papers would be full of it that evening, and the most of them were.

They came out with a very odd explanation of why the show had been cut off. The management of WOR had pulled the switch, they reported. Meanwhile a phone call to WOR drew the standard answer I knew they were giving everybody. They just didn't know just why it happened. "We weren't there this morning and don't know anything about it."

I knew that the official explanation which evidently had been given to the papers was going to be an unpopular one, and the last one a station public relations man would dare issue. And I was right. Early that evening Long John was on the phone, asking if it were possible for me to reappear on the program on the morning of September 13 to finish the discussion.

"That's impossible, John," I told him; "you know how hard it is for me to get away and come to New York!"

"Have you seen the JOURNAL

AMERICAN?" he asked.

I told him yes, but that I hadn't read it.

"Open it to the radio-TV section and read the writeup," he instructed.

The story announced that all panel members and myself, the guest, would return on the 13th.

"NOW, what's your answer?" he asked.

"It looks as if I'll be seeing you about midnight on the 12th," I promised.

Engine Trouble and Cogitations

As I got on the plane in Newark, which would take me to Pittsburgh, where I would connect with a smaller ship into Clarksburg, I was still trying to apply my "FACT". To all logical surface appearances, the cut-off could represent only one thing. Maybe Long John's ratings were slipping, and he needed a shot in the arm. It was obviously a publicity stunt. Nothing on the show surely was dangerous enough to anybody to be cut off about.

"By being cut off the air," I reasoned to myself, "only more attention would be called to what I and the others had been saying. No official agency would be that stupid—they would find other ways of silencing Long John if they indeed wanted him silenced."

Then the "FACT" started operating. If we had been cut off by any outside source, it would have been to EMPHASIZE what we had been saying. And if that had happened, surely what we had been saying had been off the track—and somebody or group wanted just that sort of information believed.

An announcement interrupted my cogitations. A ground check had disclosed some trouble in one of the Contellation's engines, and it would be 15 minutes before the difficulty could be repaired.

I opened and re-read the official press release that had just that day emerged from the public relations department of WOR. It was in complete opposition to what they had at first told the press.

"WOR ABHORS CENSORSHIP; LOVES FLYING SAUCERS," it was headed, and then went on with a strange story to the effect that management certainly didn't cut the show off the air. Instead somebody called up, disguised his voice, pretended to be somebody in the management of the station. I re-read the single-page document several times and was ready to crumple it in disgust when the stewardess began ushering us out of the plane. The trouble was too serious to be fixed quickly; we would be transferred to a substitute plane as soon as it was ready.

After another wait, we re-embarked, as my sense of the dramatic warned me that trouble in the plane motor, had it remained undiscovered, could have caused a crash. With my connection with saucer research, and returning from appearing on the quashed radio program, I could see how many people, particularly the UFO investigators would interpret the tragedy. But again my "FACT", or common sense, told me differently. After all, nothing had really happened: the trouble had been found. Such a thing, had it actually occurred, would have served only to call more attention to the possible truth of UFO reality. It would make more people believe that what I had written was true. Or emphasize it, if it were off-the-track information.

As we climbed above the clouds and were enjoying refreshments and the beautiful ride that only a turbo-prop Viscount can provide, I tried to work the "FACT" on another matter I had not review be-

fore.

After the Long John show, a fellow from a large network had telephoned me, explaining he got in touch with me through John. He was a producer in the news department and he had been told by "upstairs" to get together some recorded programs segments pointing out the possibility that saucers come from "under the earth," to use his exact words. We had lunch together. A magazine editor had told him, it developed, that I was an expert on the "dero," and he thought that subject would fit in very well with what the network wanted. I told him that I certainly was no expert, but had written a chapter about the Shaver Mystery in my book. We parted after a long conversation which touched on almost all aspects of saucer research. He would get in touch with me later when plans had crystallized for the material, scheduled for September.

I was quite disgusted over another matter as we cruised above the clouds. I would miss my plane connections in Pittsburgh, would have to catch a bus from there, which would mean I wouldn't arrive home until midnight or after. I was already virtually exhausted from lack of sleep, and knew I couldn't sleep on the bus, partly because I can't sleep out of bed and partly because of the crooked roads from Pittsburgh to Clarksburg which would throw one out of his seat if he happened to doze off.

After making better-than-expected bus connections, I found myself back in Clarksburg by 9:00 P.M. and picked up my mail at the office. At home I thumbed through it, not feeling like reading any of it, until the letter from Wisconsin-International Sales Company (Ray Palmer's distribution firm name) attracted me. I figured it was just a bill for

extra issues of FS I had ordered, but I had a compulsion to open it. It was the letter from RAP.

The subject of the letter may have been released by this time in form of an article, and may be in this issue—or the next, depending upon how soon Ray can develop the air-tight case he feels necessary before dropping the bombshell. Anyhow, at the time I read it, I was too sleepy to really think about the contents, or to be properly alarmed about a phone call which interrupted my perusal of it.

It was Alma, Don's girl friend. Don Leigh McCulty is a business associate of mine in motion picture booking whom I can't help mentioning now and then because I frankly think he's a character. Like the time he came up with this ridiculous saucer-explanation: "Did you ever think that the saucers might be coming from our own back yard, so to speak; not that they're secret weapons, but built by secret people?" Don also puts sugar in his tomato juice, to aid you in the proper analysis of the above.

"Don's been trying to get you on the phone. He fears you were in that Charleston plane crash!"

"No, I came in on the bus," I sleepily replied.

"It's in the evening paper," she said, and we hung up. I had got the paper at the office so I glanced at the story. Luckily nobody had been badly hurt. The two-engine plane had apparently made a perfect landing when something went wrong with the landing gear. It had swerved off the runway and plunged into a ravine. I wondered if this were the same plane I had missed.—the story didn't state if it was from Pittsburgh. Later I would check with Hugh McPherson, my friend who does some saucer material on WCHS, Charleston, W. Va.,

and he would confirm my worst fears.

But I wouldn't have been in the crash anyhow, because the flight had landed and taken off safely at my destination point, Clarksburg, before proceeding on to Charleston, and the crash.

My "FAGT" again told me that good common sense indicated I was just building up a persecution complex, as was the reporter I had met on my trip who had been doing UFO material for a large eastern paper. As we had talked over what had happened to him, we arrived at the conclusion that if anybody WAS trying to work him over, it was only psychologically, and that no real harm was intended.

Some days later I rang up Ray and asked him what he was getting at in the letter. He said he couldn't tell me any more, because he couldn't afford the barest possibility of a leak in what he planned to publish.

"You think anybody will try to stop you," I asked.

"I don't think they CAN. They can't stop the issue, for one thing. Did you wonder why I set up my own distribution system for my magazines? I deal direct with newsstands you know."

Then again he said a very unusual thing, repeating it from the letter.

"In these contactee stories, or at least some of them, have you ever detected signs of hypnotism? Davidson's article about the elaborate space ship built by the CIA just to fool Adamski is indeed pretty wild, but maybe he's partly right after all. Could not the same thing, and possibly more elaborate things, be done by the right kind of hypnotic influences?"

I told Ray I'd be looking for the article.

FLYING DISKS, CLOUDS and FALLING ICE

By Jesse Korcsmaros

"With their magic knives of the thunderbolt they spread open the uncleft depths of the mountain, and still on their cloud-shield, even as a spider in her web descendeth, so descended they unerringly, into the dark of the underworld." Frank H. Cushing: *Zuni Creation Myths*, 13th Annual Report, Bureau of American Ethnology, Wash., D.C., 1896, pp. 381-388)

To those readers familiar with the numerous publications on "Flying Disks", the amazing implications of this short quotation are apparent. To the others, an explanation. Here we have an account which relates the story of beings who while yet on their aircraft, through the use of some type of electronic apparatus, were able to split open a mountain! What is even more astounding is the fact that the above quotation was taken from Zuni Indian Legends written thousands of years ago! Were this an isolated account, one would be excused for dismissing it as a fable. But hardly is this the case, as it is but one of the numerous records of the activities of those who employ "Flying Disks" as a transport vehicle. Because of its importance, I quote in its entirety, the paragraph in which the opening sentence of this article is found:

"They sped backward swiftly on their floating fog-shield westward

to the mountain of Generation. With their magic knives of the thunderbolt they spread open the uncleft depths of the mountain, and still on their cloud-shield even as a spider in her web descendeth, so descended they unerringly into the dark of the underworld. There they abode with men and the creatures, attending them, coming to know them, and becoming known of them as masters and fathers, thus seeking the ways for leading them forth."

In this legend, the exact appearance and behavior of our present day "Flying Disks" is paralleled. There are numerous reports nowadays which give a cloud-like description to these objects. What better description of a hovering then descending object could be given than, "a spider in her web descendeth"? If a more detailed description of the object were desired, one could not ask for a more accurate account than that which follows and which is also taken from the preceding source:

"Fog-making shield, which spun of the floating clouds and spray and woven, as of the cotton we spin and weave, supports as on wind, yet hides (as a shadow hides) its bearer, defending also."

In these days of helicopter, the reader is more than likely familiar with the method of rescue from

these aircraft as they hover. A cable or rope is lowered from the hovering helicopter and the individual is simply lifted aboard. Keeping this procedure in mind, let us analyze the following legend which is the Navaho story known as, "The Great Shell of Kintzel". (Memoirs of the American Folklore Soc. Vol. 5 pp. 195-208). It concerns a dancer who, "When his feet had risen above them, they observed that a streak of white lightning passed under his feet like a rope, and hung from a dark cloud that gathered above. It was the gods that were lifting him; for thus, the legends say, the gods lift mortals to the sky." If we were to substitute metallic cable for the term, "white lightning", the meaning of this quotation would become clearer. There can be no doubt in the reader's mind that there was some type of aircraft prevalent thousands of years ago which could hover like a helicopter. This same type of aircraft is again in our skies! In connection with this account, it would be interesting to recall the event related in the Christian Bible concerning the departure of Christ. Was he not also lifted up into a large dark cloud which hovered above the heads of the onlookers? For a further discussion of this question, the reader is referred to Mr. M. K. Jessup's splendid little book, "UFO and the Bible". It will be noticed, that in the two preceding accounts the common denominator is the cloud-like aspect of these craft. Before this is considered further, a more recent account of cloud-like objects is in order.

On pages 17 to 18 of Desmond Leslie and G. Adamski's book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed", there is an interesting account.

"One (the editor's son) pilot told me that while on duty in November

1952 he tracked a vast object, flying in cloud, from the river Humber in Yorkshire to the Thames Estuary."

A warm summer night during 1947 proved to be an unforgettable experience for one Mr. William S. Hunter of Los Angeles, California. A control tower operator, holding a commercial license and with five thousand hours flying time, he is one whom we can believe saw something unusual. In his letter to Mr. Jessup (The UFO Annual, p. 362) he gives an accurate description of the unusual cloud:

"The cloud was shaped like a football and the moon reflected off it making it look quite white. The amazing part about the cloud was the intense lightning projecting from the cloud in all directions."

To dispell any doubt about the nature of this peculiar cloud he writes; "It wasn't just another cloud because one cloud alone can't generate streak lightning without another cloud or the ground to receive the discharge, yet this one did!" This is a point which should be kept in mind. Did not the Zuni legend state that, "with their magic knives of the thunderbolt—"?

The reader is referred to an excellent photograph of an, "unusual cloud formation over the city of Marseilles, France", provided by the U.S. Navy and printed in the New York Times, July 3, 1955. The writer is of the opinion that this is nothing but a further attempt to debunk the truth of "Flying Disks" via the Pentagon. In reality, this photograph supports the repeated accounts of cloud-like phenomena associated with these aerial objects.

Now that the cloud-like aspect of these craft has been established in ancient and present times, the question logically follows. "What is the connection between these craft

and their cloud effects?" But first, let us consider what a cloud is and how it is formed.

A cloud is nothing other than a cooled mass of water vapor which is at some height from the ground. Of course, when it is at ground level we have what is known as a fog. If we consider the cloud associated with the "Flying Disks" as being due to water vapor we arrive at some interesting conclusions. From everyday experience, we can realize that one of the most frequent uses to which water is put is its property of cooling. We have but to consider the radiator of an automobile. As a coolant, it is unsurpassed. Used for this purpose it must be relatively pure. This point is of the utmost importance. Assuming that the reader is familiar with some of the numerous sightings of "Flying Disks" in the United States and elsewhere, I would ask him to consider one fact. Have not many of the Disks been sighted near fresh water streams, lakes and reservoirs? In some reports, especially one which took place in Canada (Steep Rock Flying Saucer, Fate Magazine, Feb. 1952) the Disk was seen in the process of drawing fresh water from a small lake! Here in Youngstown, Ohio, we have had numerous reports of these Disks. Apparently they favor our city's source of drinking water. Incidentally, it is one of the few cities in this area of the State which I believe has excellent drinking water. This is due to a low percentage of sulphides in it. In the case of the Canadian sighting, and in others, it was reported that a residue remained on the surface of the lake after the Disk had left. I would surmise that this residue was radioactive and that the dead fish found floating on the surface were killed by radiation burns! If

this was the case in Canada can it not also be true for other locations? From my own research on these Disks, I am of the opinion that the occupants are indifferent to the inhabitants of this planet. Considering them in this manner, it can be realized what a danger their water-change can constitute to the citizens of a metropolis. To replenish their supply of coolant, they descend near a city reservoir. Completing their operation, they leave and in exchange for water, a poisonous residue of radioactive waste remains behind. I need not enlarge upon this point any further. The filtering processes employed by most cities only gives a bacteriologically pure water, it DOES NOT FILTER OUT RADIOACTIVITY! This is not a "scare" article nor does the writer intend it to be so, but the danger posed by these craft indirectly is real.

As I have shown, there is good reason to believe the "Flying Disks" employ water as a coolant which in turn is changed into water vapor by the propulsive system. In a cool atmosphere this vapor is seen as a cloud. In this way we can account for the cloud-like aspect and the frequently reported sightings near sources of fresh water. In support of the water coolant theory, I should direct the reader's attention for a moment to, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," pages 243 to 245. To account for charred grass roots found at a Florida Disk sighting, Mr. Ruppelt offers an interesting suggestion. He maintains that the only way to account for these charred roots is to consider the "Induction Heating Effect." This is simply the heating of conductors of electricity when placed in a rapidly alternating electric field. One of the most important items in high power Induction Heating units is the

necessity for cooling. As a coolant, pure water is most generally employed!

There is yet another phenomena which may be easily explained along these lines. It is the repeated occurrence of ice-falls from a clear sky and no aircraft in the immediate vicinity. If the Disk was at an extreme altitude and "exuding" large amounts of water vapor, this could conceivably freeze into large masses of ice. Here again, we have another indirect danger to man. Though this explanation for ice falls has been advanced by others, notably Donald Keyhoe, there exists no clear theory to account for these three well verified phenomena: cloud-like aspect, high frequency of sightings near water and fall of ice from clear skies. As added support of the theory of water as a coolant, I shall offer the following as a crucial point of experiment. The analysis of the ice which has fallen should show it to be radioactive. Attention Dr. Reider. Dr. Reider is the learned gentleman who states that ice is carried about by strong winds in the atmosphere. Could Dr. Reider have also received his education at Harvard College, home of the now famous Dr. Menzel, creator of the "sun dog-mirage" theory of "Flying Disks?" In an article entitled, "Mystery of the Falling Ice," by Allen Durham, there is related an interesting episode. A supervising inspector for the C.A.A. Air Safety Division at Teterboro, New Jersey Airport, Mr. John L. Templeton, ac-

companied the writer into a room which Dr. Reider guided them. Noticing that Mr. Templeton's attention was arrested by a chart labeled "Radioactivity," Dr. Reider quickly assured him that none of the ice samples were radioactive. As I stated, the most conclusive proof that ice falls come from "Flying Disks" is the fact that they are RADIOACTIVE. (Dr. Reider has not received all ice samples.) This is in contradiction to his statement that they possess no radioactivity! If the radioactivity of these ice samples were admitted, then likewise the reality and existence of "Flying Disks" would necessarily follow. I believe we have here the key to this extreme discrepancy.

Since the beginning of the "Flying Disk" controversy, the attitude of various governments has been and remains fundamentally the same—"Flying Disks" do not exist. As any serious researcher on the subject will admit, there is a deplorable tendency toward secrecy and ridicule. In the light of this article, the need for an honest appraisal and report, from the Government to the American people, is imperative. Or are we, as the trusting husband, to be the last to know? The Ground Observer Corps could be expanded and sources of metropolitan water supplies especially be guarded. The Geiger counter should be standard equipment at all city water plants if we are not to be gradually poisoned. Before this can come about the man in the street must realize, the "Flying Disks" are real!

Mystery Object Hovers Over Ship

A mysterious object—silent, cylindrical and about 10 feet in diameter—hovered above the bows of the Norwegian vessel Aida near Hammerfest, Norway, Captain Kaara Eakariassen reported to the Ham-

merfest radio station on September 2, 1959.

The captain, who was alone on board at the time, said the object remained for five minutes before rising rapidly out of sight.

The **CASE** *for the* **R. E. STRAITH LETTER**

By Richard Carl Ogden

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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My Dear Professor:

For the time being, let us consider this a personal letter and not to be construed as an official communication of the Department. I speak on behalf of only a part of our people here in regard to the controversial matter of the UFO, but I might add that my group has been outspoken in its criticism of official policy.

We have also criticized the self-assumed role of our Air Force in usurping the role of chief investigating agency on the UFO. Your own experiences will lead you to know already that the Department has done its own research and has been able to arrive at a number of sound conclusions. It will no doubt please you to know that the Department has on file a great deal of confirmatory evidences bearing out your own claims, which as both of us must realize, are controversial, and have been disputed generally.

While certainly the Department cannot publicly confirm your experiences, it can, I believe, with propriety, encourage your work and your communication of what you sincerely believe should be told to our American public. In the event you are in Washington, I do hope that you will stop by for an informal talk. I expect to be away from Washington during the most of February, but should return by the last week in that month.

Sincerely,

R. E. Straith
Cultural Exchange Committee

RES/me

Ever since the foregoing letter was released to the public by George Adamski, there has been a campaign underway to discredit it. For months I have conducted an intensive investigation of this letter so as to bring forth the real facts. I had decided to release this story, because of a recent attack on my good friend, Gray Barker, by Lonzo Dove in the June 1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS, edited by James W. Moseley of Fort Lee, New Jersey.

In this article called "Gray Barker's 'Three Men in Black'" Mr. Barker has been accused of hoaxing Albert K. Bender and of writing the "Straith letter." Mr. Dove promised a more detailed account to be published later of how Gray Barker wrote the "Straith letter", a forgery in the name of the U.S. Government. In a long-distance phone call, Mr. Barker told me that even Major Donald E. Keyhoe, director of NICAP, shared Mr. Dove's views; and as I understand it, other leading researchers in the field are also of the same opinion.

I intend to present evidence that proves the "Straith letter" to be authentic. If Gray Barker had written the letter, he would have long since been arrested. Mr. Dove supplied his so-called "evidence" to the F.B.I. for evaluation and it was obvious that nothing was proven, but perhaps they encouraged Mr. Dove (as my correspondence with him seems to indicate) to name Gray Barker publicly as a "scapegoat" because some people are not too satisfied with the State Department denial. They want to know who wrote the letter and unless somebody takes the blame for it, might get suspicious that the letter might be authentic after all.

The R. E. Straith letter is authentic. It is not the work of a practical joker as the opposition would like

us to believe. Most people don't realize the heavy penalty, if the letter is a hoax. U.S. code, Title 18, Section 1017, provides for a penalty of not more than \$5,000 fine or imprisonment for not more than five years or both for "Whoever fraudulently or wrongfully affixes or impresses the seal of any department or agency of the United States, to or upon any certificate, instrument, commission, document, or paper or with knowledge of its fraudulent character, with wrongful or fraudulent intent uses, buys, procures, sells, or transfers to another any such certificate, instrument, commission, document, or paper, to which or upon which said seal has been so fraudulently affixed or impressed." As Adamski pointed out in his article called "Adamski Answers Washington Denial Regarding R. E. Straith" in the July-August 1958 issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, his letter from Mr. Straith of the Cultural Exchange Committee had the seal of the Department of State impressed into it.

The "Seal of State" or more properly the seal of the Department of State should not be confused with the seal of the United States or Great Seal. The Seal on Mr. Adamski's letter is a reproduction of the Great Seal and is blind-stamped by the Government Printing Office at the time of manufacture. The only seal that is ever hand impressed is the seal of the United States, and this seal is affixed only to documents signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of State.

The seal of the United States is invariably impressed upon a paper wafer affixed to the document with paste. As I have said, it is hand impressed while the Seal of State, a reproduction of the seal of

the United States, is impressed into Department of State stationery by machine not at the time of mailing but at the time of manufacture on blank paper giving a white seal type of stationery. The Department also uses a stationery known as blue-seal paper that has the Seal printed on the paper instead of impressed.

Consequently, we have seen that if anyone misuses Department of State stationery they are subject to a \$5,000 fine or imprisonment for five years or both. However, this is not all. To send such a letter through the U. S. mails would be an additional crime. U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 1717, declares that letters in violation of section 1017 are nonmailable and shall not be conveyed in the mails or delivered from any post office or by any letter carrier; and "Whoever uses or attempts to use the mails or Postal Service of the United States for the transmission of any matter declared by this section to be nonmailable, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment not more than ten years or both."

In short, if the Straith letter is a hoax, the hoaxer would be subject to a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine or fifteen years imprisonment or both. State Department employees know better than to steal official letterhead stationery to give to some outsider to write a hoax letter. Furthermore, State Department employees know better than misuse official stationery to write a personal letter or hoax letter themselves. The Straith letter is no practical joke. People don't subject themselves to such a penalty just for a joke. Furthermore, there is no money motive to such a risk either since the author of this letter didn't make a cent.

Mr. Adamski's letter from the De-

partment of State was written on a very special and highly important and restricted paper. The paper used in writing the Straith letter is known as "white-seal, blue-embossed stationery." This stationery is used only for the following types of correspondence of the Department of State: letters and memoranda to the President, and notes to ministers of foreign affairs, ambassadors, ministers, or charge d'affaires ad interim of other governments. In addition, it can be found only in Washington, D.C., in the Office of the Secretary of State under lock and key. The stationery is carefully guarded because it is used on a high governmental level. Only two persons have access to this paper: the Secretary of State and the Under Secretary. This should correct the false impression that numerous employees of the Department of State have access to the type of paper used to write the Straith letter and any one of them could have misused it. This isn't so. John Foster Dulles is the one who used white-seal, blue-embossed stationery—the type used for the Straith letter—and in his absence, the Under Secretary of State became the Acting Secretary of State and he may use the paper for the purposes Mr. Dulles used it. Therefore, the Straith letter had to have the approval of the Secretary of State in that he has the key to get the paper and the only one who could allow the paper to be used for a special purpose. In this instance, the writing of a letter to a private individual, Mr. Adamski, so that the letter would be an official government document of such high standing that there would be no doubt as to its authenticity. If common blue-seal paper were used, it would be easier to accept the argument that someone misused the stationery

since this paper can be found in the offices of the Department of State throughout the world. But when we consider the type of paper used in writing the Straith letter, this argument doesn't stand. Furthermore, the Secretary of State himself never denied that the Straith letter is not authentic.

Mr. R. E. Straith is an employee of the Department of State, and the Cultural Exchange Committee does exist despite the present cover up.

On July 4, 1958, I sent the following letter to the Chief Post Office Inspector in Washington, D. C., which reads:

On March 3, 1958, I sent a letter to Mr. R. E. Straith, Cultural Exchange Committee, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C. By April 5, 1958, I had not received an answer from Mr. R. E. Straith nor to this very day have I ever received an answer. Consequently, on April 5, 1958, I sent a letter to the office of the Secretary of State to find out if there was a State Department employee by that name.

I received a letter dated April 23, 1958, from Maurice S. Rice, Acting Chief, Public Services Division, of the Department of State (SEV 711. 5612/4-558) in behalf of the Secretary of State telling me:

"I refer to your letter of April 5, 1958, requesting information on a Mr. R. E. Straith of the Cultural Exchange Committee.

"There is no person by the name of R. E. Straith connected with the Department of State, nor is there any record of any person by that name having been an employee of the Department. Further, there is no division or branch of the Department under the name of 'Cultural Exchange Committee'."

Enclosed herein is a copy of my personal letter to Mr. R. E. Straith.

My complaint against the Department of State is this: If Mr. R. A. Straith was not an employee of the Department of State, WHY DID THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT FAIL TO SEND BACK TO ME MY LETTER TO MR. STRAITH?

I believe I am correct in saying that it is against the law for someone to keep mail that doesn't belong to him. If what Mr. Rice said is correct that there is no such employee as Mr. Straith, then whoever received my letter addressed to Mr. Straith should have returned same to the Post Office Department for return to the sender. Thus, the postman should have returned my letter with a stamp on it saying that the letter was being returned to the writer because addressee is unknown.

I would appreciate very much if you would make an investigation to find out the name of the person in the Department of State who received my letter of March 3, 1958, and give me his name. I feel that the failure to return the letter on the part of this individual when the addressee was not an employee of the Department warrants a complaint by the Post Office Department to the office of the Attorney-General, since the law was violated. Thank you.

In this letter I make reference to the law, I support my position by citing the following laws:

U.S. Code, Title 39, Section 409, "Request for return", which says: "When the writer of any letter on which the postage is prepaid shall indorse on the outside thereof his name and address, such letter shall not be advertised, but, after remaining uncalled for at the office to which it is directed the time the writer may direct or the Postmaster General prescribe, shall be returned to the writer without additional

charge for postage and if not delivered, shall be treated as a dead letter."

U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1717, states: "No person other than a duly authorized employee of the Dead Letter Office, or other person upon a search warrant authorized by law, shall open any letter not addressed to himself." This law provides for a penalty of not more than \$5,000 fine or imprisonment not more than ten years or both. The envelope in which I sent my letter to Mr. Straith contained my return address in case he wasn't an employee so it could be returned to me. Furthermore, I marked "personal" on the envelope so that no one was supposed to open the letter other than Mr. Straith. If someone did, they would be in violation of U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1717.

I received a reply to my letter dated July 14, 1958, from Mr. C. C. Garner, Postal Inspector in Charge, that said: This will acknowledge your letter of July 4, concerning a letter you addressed to —

Mr. R. E. Straith
Cultural Exchange Committee
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Mail is delivered as addressed, in the absence of a forwarding order, after which the responsibility of the Post Office Department ceases. Proper delivery was made of your letter. There was no violation of the Postal Laws involved in the opening of this letter as it was directed to a Committee, Department of State. It can only be suggested that your complaint be handled with Mr. Straith who represented himself to be an employee of the State Department.

I feel that there can be no better proof than this that Mr. Straith is a real person and an employee of

the Department of State. Obviously, when Mr. Garner received my letter, it was a simple matter for him to get his phone and call Mr. Straith to see if he got my letter. When the answer was yes, then Mr. Garner could assure me that "proper delivery was made of your letter." Notice that Mr. Garner capitalizes "Committee" and shows that the Cultural Exchange Committee does exist. Note also he tells me to have Mr. Straith handle my complaint and says that he represented himself to be an employee of the Department of State. Obviously, if the person didn't exist as a result of the postal investigation, Mr. Garner wouldn't have told me this. In short, the letter represents an official confirmation of the existence of the controversial Mr. R. E. Straith and the controversial Cultural Exchange Committee. This in itself confirms the famous "Straith letter" to George Adamski as being authentic.

On March 18, 1959 I placed a transcontinental phone call to the Department of State asking for the chairman of the Cultural Exchange Committee. My phone call was transferred to the office of Mr. L. K. Little, director of personnel of the United States Information Agency. It was here that I was told that the Cultural Exchange Committee was a part of the Cultural Presentation Staff, whose director is James F. Magdanz. My phone call was then transferred to Mr. Magdanz's office. His staff, according to the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION MANUAL, facilitates the transportation and performance of individual American artists and cultural and athletic groups overseas. When Mr. Magdanz's secretary answered the phone, she would not deny nor confirm the existence of the Cultural

Exchange Committee as a part of the Cultural Presentation Staff until I told her my name. I knew then that whether the Committee existed or not depended on who was asking for it. When I told her my name, she got Mr. Magdanz on the phone who denied the existence of the Cultural Exchange Committee. So then I was transferred to other extensions until the case was hopeless. But the fact remains that Mr. Little's secretary identified the Cultural Exchange Committee as a part of the Cultural Presentation Staff.

Investigation revealed that this Staff is located in State Department annex SA-20. I sent a registered letter to Mr. Straith dated August 31, 1958 and No. 72128 was assigned to this letter. I got back a delivery receipt signed by Mr. Straith's agent, M. N. Hart, who filled in Straith's name and assigned the building code SA-20. Thus, the letter was assigned to the same building as the Cultural Presentation Staff.

There is little doubt that Mr. Little's secretary gave out accurate information in naming the Cultural Exchange Committee as a part of the Cultural Presentation Staff.

On August 26, 1958 I received a phone call from an FBI agent. I was not home at the time but my sister answered the phone. When the man identified himself as being with the FBI, my sister naturally asked what was the trouble. She tells me he said: "That boy is in trouble". When I got home she didn't have a chance to tell me about the FBI man calling before he called and identified himself as Mr. Edward G. Gough, agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He said he wanted to come out to my home and interview me about my letters to the Department of

State on Straith. Others had written to the Department of State about Straith, but why was I singled out? I demanded a taped interview and a witness, Mr. Robert J. Gribble, president of Aerial Phenomena Research Group here in Seattle. Needless to say, the G-man refused a taped interview. He said he wouldn't allow me to tape record anything. I decided then to give him what evidence I had to prove the Straith letter authentic. I told him about the letter from Mr. Garner. He told me he would investigate me further and call back. He never called back and refused my phone call to him on February 18, 1959.

On September 14, 1958 I sent a registered air mail letter (No. 72317) to Mr. Maurice S. Rice (the man who had been supplying me with information on the Straith letter) that included a list of questions plus a blast at Mr. Gough for trying to intimidate me. Interestingly enough, I never even got back a delivery receipt. Only after I complained to the Postmaster General did I finally get a delivery receipt showing delivery September 17, 1958; but it took until February 17, 1959 to get it! On the same day of September 14, 1958 I sent letters to Mr. Temple Wanamaker, Assistant Chief of Public Services Division, and Mr. James A. Summers, Office of Security, about the Straith letter; and they too refused to answer my inquiries. The Department of State was answering all my letters regarding Straith until the FBI man called.

Some people appear to be puzzled over why Mr. Straith associated himself with the Cultural Exchange Committee when it is obvious that the work of this Committee has nothing to do with the investigation of UFO's or flying saucers. The

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I SAW A FLYING SAUCER

This section of **FLYING SAUCERS** is devoted to factual reports by our readers. Here you will find the personal accounts of those who have actually seen flying saucers, and here, if you are one of those lucky ones, is the place for you to tell your own story! If you have had any sort of "saucer" experience, please send it in to us and we will print it.

(1) About five years ago I watched an unknown flying object from my bedroom window about 11:30 p.m. It was a beautiful night—full moon—and a small light appeared in the north and crossed the sky in the west, to the south.

This was not a star. It travelled in a straight line, actually crossing the front of the moon, at the lower edge.

It was too far away to be a plane. It is easy to tell a plane from its lights—this light was travelling so fast, and was so far away, had it been a plane the speed would have been in the thousands of miles an hour.

(2) I was returning home one night at approx. 11 p.m. along a road near my home, called Smedley Lane, when swish—a greeny white light flashed overhead. This was near to earth and was gone in a second. This was some object passing—like a flash—neither plane (all light) nor a star, of course. This was three years ago.

(3) My son, Geoffrey saw a similitude to (2) late one night. I reported this to the Manchester Evening News, and it was duly reported.

Arthur Millward
70 Leicester Rd.,

off Queen's Rd.,
Cheetham,
Manchester 8, England

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My husband and I are very much interested in The Flying Saucers. We had our vacation the last two weeks in July, and a few days before we left on our trip up into the mountains over the Cooke City highway to the town of Cooke City where we had our cabin, we made a hurried trip into the Grand Teton through the East Side of Yellowstone Park. We had the experience of watching through our binoculars a bright light which we thought was the Planet Jupiter, but as we stood watching other stars in the night sky I turned to where Jupiter was and it wasn't there. I said to my husband, "My, where is Jupiter?" We saw a large bright flashing light moving along over the tree tops. Then while watching through our binoculars the object seemed to tilt on one side and as it hovered for an instant, flashed again so we could see the round shape and the huge dome. We felt we were watching a Saucer, and as we continued to watch, it slowly moved over toward the mountain and soon was out of sight. We know it wasn't

Jupiter nor any other Planet or star.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Sandison
420 Clark Ave.
Billings, Montana

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On March 31, 1956 my wife and I and our three children—then ages 16, 12, and 7—and two neighborhood children—both 12—were enjoying a beautiful South Florida evening in the back yard of our home at 1781 N.W. 16th St., Miami. The sky was cloudless and a brisk 15 m.p.h. breeze was blowing in off the Atlantic from the southeast. We were admiring the beauty and wonder of the countless stars overhead when our attention was drawn to three round bright lights, white in color, moving toward the south at fantastic speeds. They were in a perfect triangular formation and almost directly overhead when we first saw them. Their forward motion was weirdly erratic, not steady; they left no trail of any kind and they made no noise. To keep them in sight we all ran up the driveway along the side of the house to the street in front. By this time they had almost disappeared, either because the lights had dimmed or because they had moved so far away, at 45 degrees above the southern horizon. Suddenly they reversed their direction to the east, then back toward the north and raced back past us, this time to the east of us about 60 degrees above the eastern horizon. When they made the turn in the south they changed from a white to a brilliant cherry red hue and seemed to become about three times as large as they had first appeared. As they went past going back north they seemed to be at a lower altitude and traveling at a much slower pace, still silent, still leaving no trail. Although we could not make out any

silhouettes behind the lights, it would certainly seem that such brightly intense lights could have emanated only from definitely solid objects. We were not able to ascertain their actual speed, size, altitude or distance away. They went out of sight in the north, fading from view at approximately 50 degrees above the horizon. I estimate that we observed these phenomena for about one minute.

I immediately reported our experience by telephone to the Miami Herald and was told by the city desk that a check would be made. In the meantime a check with the neighbors revealed that no one else in the neighborhood had seen them. We turned the radio on in hopes of hearing a bulletin about them but we heard nothing. Nor did anything about the lights appear in the paper the next day. We had all felt so certain that someone else had surely seen these spectacular objects. On Monday, April 2, I wrote a detailed account of this sighting to the Civilian Air Defense Filter Center and on Wednesday a captain from the Center called me at work. He thanked me for the information, said no one else, including their spotters, had reported these objects to them. He stated, further, that a check had been made after my letter was received which revealed that no jet planes had been over the city at the time of our Saturday night sighting. He did not venture a guess as to what the objects could have been. I agreed with the captain's suggestion that my letter be forwarded to Dr. Norman Bean, a professor at the University of Miami and flying saucer enthusiast. I have not heard anything from Dr. Bean.

As I said, nothing appeared in the paper the next day. However, there was an interesting article about an

object that had fallen from the sky near Tampa in November 1955. This object made a 40 foot crater in a pasture and the crater burned for 40 days despite efforts to extinguish it with every known type of fire fighting chemical. The item had just been released by the Air Force. If you did not hear about this, it appeared in the April 1, 1956 issue of the Miami Herald.

D. A. Coincon, Jr.
1781 N.W. 16th St.
Miami, Florida

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On the night of July 29, 1959, Dennis Lee Hostmeyer 510 S. High Street, Belleville, Illinois, supposedly spotted three U.F.O. at Lyndon Station, Wisconsin. The time was approximately 1:30 A.M. first sighting came from a Northeasterly to Southwesterly direction. It was traveling at an unestimated speed. The second sighting came from a Northwesterly to Southeasterly direction. They both traveled at approximately the same speed and the time was approximately 15 seconds. The third sighting came from easterly to westerly direction. The time was 20 seconds. These crossed from horizon to horizon. Returning to home on the highway he spotted a fourth U.F.O. Crossing time unknown. The shape of the objects were round with white light. They had a yellow colored fire coming from the rear. It appeared to the naked eye to be about the size of a ping pong ball. One of these was confirmed by his father.

Aerial Phenomena
Investigation Club
208 S. Charles St.
Belleville, Ill.

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My first experience with flying saucers was in 1955. It was on a very clear evening and the time was about 4:45. I know the time be-

cause it was my dad who brought the object to my attention and he had just got home from work. My dad said he had spotted it when coming home from work and that it was traveling at a very great speed, for it was very large when he first saw it. When we saw it, it was about the size of a dime held at the length of an arm, and still getting smaller heading westward over the Reno, Nevada area. The object was a golden in color.

The next day I heard someone say they had seen an account of a flying saucer over the Reno area in one of Reno's prominent papers.

My next experience was in June of 1959, and I was at a drive-in theatre. I had 3 other witnesses, two of my boy friends and the owner of the theater. This object was in the southeastern part of the country and it would go up and down and sometimes stay in the same position for quite a while then disappear completely for a while then repeat the procedure, but stopping at different positions. As the evening progressed we saw an object in the western skies and very high, moving swiftly to disappear completely. About 3 minutes after this happened the place where I had seen the other object in the southeastern sky there were 3 objects doing the motions. They were in a perfect flight formation. But this lasted for only about 5 minutes. Then in the western sky we saw an object of changing colors (from red to gold to a whitish color to red, etc.) and it remained for about 3 or 4 minutes. Then right after it disappeared we saw a greenish object 'zip' across the sky (from the southeast to the western sky). It lasted for about 5 seconds.

John Oakden
Route 1, Box 149-L
Fallon, Nevada



Each issue, this section of **FLYING SAUCERS** will be devoted to news of the various discussion clubs and research groups all over the world, which are devoted to flying saucers and related subjects. If you are interested in joining such a group in your neighborhood, you may find news of it here. If you wish to notify others of your group, here is the place to let them know about it. If you wish to form a local group, let us publish your request. Send us your reports and news items, concerning club doings, and we will be happy to allot space in this section of **FLYING SAUCERS**.

I wish to inform all readers of "Flying Saucer Club News" that Mr. Douglas Mapes of 115 Brinkman Street, Buffalo, New York, has resigned as Director of New York Divisional Headquarters, **INTER-CONTINENTAL AERIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION** and the vacancy has been filled by the Associate Director, Mrs. Gladys Fusaro.

For those who may wish to join **INTER-CONTINENTAL AERIAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION** (Membership **FREE**), openings are available for Observer Post Units; Special Correspondents; Amateur Radio Operators and Directors of Divisional Headquarters Units in the following states: Maine; Vermont; New Hampshire; Rhode Island; Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Persons who are seriously interested in **UFO's** are invited to join **ICARF**. Write for further informa-

tion and particulars. All letters promptly answered.

Mrs. Gladys Fusaro, Director
NY DHQ ICARF
 Route 3 Box 223
 Huntington, L.I. New York.

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I am interested in forming a Junior Flying Saucer club, called Junior Bureau of Flying Saucers. I am 15 and wish to correspond with people around my own age. I own a telescope (32 power) and have seen one **U.F.O.** I am especially interested in people who have seen **U.F.O.'s**.

Ronald Brown
 2621 Arlington Ave.
 Birmingham, 5, Alabama
 FA 4-0764

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The Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects, a **UFO** investigation organization with headquarters in Oklahoma

City, would like to correspond with all persons interested in the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) commonly called Flying Saucers which have haunted the skies of all the nations of the Earth since the Beginning of time.

Membership in IIOUFO is \$5.00 per annum. If anyone is interested in becoming a representative they may get information by writing.

Anyone who has sighted a UFO please contact me. We are especially interested in sightings which have not been reported to another body. If requested, confidence will be respected.

IIOUFO was organized August 1, 1958 and has a Technical Advisory Board including Gray Barker, August C. Roberts with others whose names we are not at liberty to reveal at this time.

We also have a Scientific Panel which has a noted retired astronomer who has publicly stated his belief in UFO's.

Mr. August C. Roberts is head of our Photographic Analysis Board.

Anyone wishing photos of the OTC-X1 prototype, or OTC-X1 ride, write for a list of photographs which will explain the photos.

IIOUFO would like to correspond with all UFO organizations throughout the world.

Hayden Hewes, Associate Dir.
2726 N.W. 34th. St.
Oklahoma City 12, Okla.

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Anyone interested in joining the AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH SOCIETY will kindly drop a post-card or letter to the address printed below. This club is not just for the people in the Northern Nevada area, but also for anybody interested in flying saucers in the world.

John Oakden
Route 1, Box 149-L
Fallon, Nevada.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, not to the three men in black, Saucer Investigation Research Organization has moved to a new location. Please forward all corresponding material, letters, post-cards, etc., to: Ancil Mitchell, 707 Murray Dr., Jacksonville 5, Florida. We are still accepting new memberships in our organization. There are no obligations to fulfill.

Will you please list our new group in your club news section of FS? It will be called the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Two-State UFO Study Group. Mail should be sent to me in care of the Woonsocket YMCA, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. We are interested in contacting all interested persons concerning the UFO's, flying saucers, etc. I'm available for lectures on a limited basis.

George D. Fawcett,
YOUTH WORK SEC'Y

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We are a newly formed organization interested in aerial phenomena and U.F.O. We would like to organize branch clubs throughout the country. To qualify, to organize a branch club you must be devoted to science and the U.F.O. understanding. You must be at least 14 years of age, and not belonging at the time to any other club of this sort. For further information on organizing a branch club please write to: Aerial Phenomena Investigation Club

208 S. Charles St.
Belleville Ill.
%David Nehrkorn

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I am a Flying Saucer fan and would like to know if there are any Flying Saucer clubs in or around Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jnd. H. Newmyer Wurtz
422 Eleanor St.,
Pitcain, Penn.

Editorial

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viet icebreaker to proceed Poleward. Consider! What better mode of travel to proceed into that "unknown land" beyond the Pole, which extends uncounted thousands of miles where no thousands of miles appear to exist? Here we have a craft that has a cruising range of 40,000 miles. It can go anywhere with no danger of being stranded for lack of fuel. It is a craft exactly suited for bridging the ice barrier of a frozen ocean that has always been the "wall" between the known world and the "unknown" world Admiral Byrd proved beyond all doubt exists.

Once through the ocean of ice, into a warm ocean, it is admirably suited for exploration deep into that unknown area, as far as water exists, exploring unknown coastlines. There is more reason for the Soviet icebreaker to go to the North Pole than merely to duplicate the feat of two American atomic submarines. But where the submarines are limited by size, the giant icebreaker can brave the most dangerous of unknowns. It is, in effect, also a floating battleship. Nothing can successfully attack it in a strange land, except perhaps flying saucers.

However, it may be that the Russians are unaware of Admiral Byrd's discovery (although how this would be we cannot conceive) and the icebreaker will not go "beyond" the Pole. It just occurs to us that the Russians have constructed an ideal craft for the work that seems to be at hand. An icebreaker can follow shorelines of unknown continents, whereas a submarine is traveling virtually blind most of the time, and unable to travel on the surface after it has broken up through the ice, simply because that is the extent of its icebreaking capacity.

An atomic submarine is not suited to exploration of the frozen unknown land, and only an icebreaker can smash its way through to the open water, and then visually skirt the shores of the unknown country.

As you read Gray Barker's column in this issue, you may be startled at his account of the cutting off the air of the Long John program, but you will not be as startled as your editor! About a year or more ago, your editor, together with Mr. Richard S. Shaver, held an hour-long phone conversation over WOR with Mr. Nebel and his panel. At one point Mr. Nebel asked Mr. Shaver if the "dero" were listening in on the program. Mr. Shaver said he was sure they were, and not only could they listen, but they could even cut the program off the air, if they so desired, with their "ray" mechanisms.

We could sense Mr. Nebel's disbelief, although he was, as always, very polite. It would have been more to his liking if a prompt demonstration were made. Shaver explained that although this could be done, it just wouldn't, because of the tradition of secrecy that forbids it. For to cut WOR off the air would be to prove their existence. Naturally Mr. Nebel found this an "easy out" for Mr. Shaver. And who can blame him?

After the program, Mr. Shaver and I discussed the matter, and agreed that it was a foregone conclusion that WOR would stay on the air that night—but in an evil-minded way that I have, I suggested that it might happen sometime when there was no possibility of drawing attention to the existence of the dero, but that just for Shaver's and my benefit, if it happened during a program in which we were the topic, particularly as the butt

of ridicule, it would be great fun.

Mr. Long John Nebel, we are NOT saying that the dero or the tero cut your program off the air with that telephone call to your engineer. We can both swear to the fact that it was not any dero machine that did it, no telaug trick over the telephone, no hypnotic hocus-pocus that made an official make a call that was unreasonable, and make a request that had no visible justification. It was all a coincidence. But it tickled the hell out of this editor! Why? Because when anybody says Ken Arnold and this editor **cooked up** that first saucer sighting, and from it built this whole tremendous edifice of saucer humbug by a marvelous use of psychology, he should not only be cut off the air, but **LAUGHED** off the air!

It would certainly be a wonderful thing if Ken Arnold, your editor, Donald Keyhoe, and your panel could get together on your program, and really thrash this thing out! It would be a different thing to call us liars and hoaxers to our face! Your panelists, who are the authors of these suggestions, would have to do more than suggest, they would have to prove. Major Keyhoe knows it is not a hoax. He knows saucers are real. He is the foremost advocate of their reality on the basis of real evidence today. He wants them to be from outer space, though, which is our only argument with him. But for once, he'd be on our side, against your panel. Poor Gray Barker, trying to hold up the heavy end, all by himself.

We wonder how your panel will react to the Admiral Byrd flights? **THAT** should make a program, Mr. Nebel. Let them check the records. Let them dig up the facts. Let them grab hold of something tangible,

and when they have their evidence, then prove the saucers are a hoax.

Certainly, Mr. Nebel, your "crack-pot" program should have plenty of meaty stuff to toss around with this "odd-shaped" earth theory. Not that your program is "crack-pot", Mr. Nebel. I disagree to the hilt with those "experts" who write articles about you, and how you "exploit" the poor mentally unbalanced people you put on your program. We'd like to go on record saying we think your program is fair, honest, valuable and sincere, and that you are the bluest of the blue-chip radio men in the business. Your program does a vast amount of good. Your listeners are people with a bump of curiosity, and with an ability to think. And anyone exposed to your program can't help but come off with something he didn't have before, which will make him more mentally alert than he would otherwise been without the necessity of facing up to the challenges your program continually presents.

But please, Mr. Nebel, our dero didn't bump you off the air! It's the only program worth listening to in the caves!

But the coincidence makes little goose-bumps travel up and down our spine.

Gray Barker, Shaver tells of a type of ray which can be imposed on something like a telephone conversation, or a book you are reading, or a statement somebody is making, or on your own thinking processes, that can "polarize" it, to the extent that what is said can be "colored" in meaning. For instance, if you are reading this sentence in a book, while the ray is on; "All ducks have webbed feet", it will register in your mind as "No ducks have webbed feet". Or, it can register in your mind as follows:

All ducks have webbed feet positively". The last word wouldn't be in the book, and you wouldn't be aware of it as a word, but somehow you'd have a special conviction that the book is telling the truth. Might we suggest that your impression that you've discovered our "fact" is really only this little job of superimposing an emphasized meaning or a different meaning to what you hear and see and think? Anyway, you've got something, if you learn how to use it, but it isn't the "fact".

Gray Barker, we're only kidding. And readers, we're only kidding. There just ain't no ray like that. It's just that all people have an

ability to set aside one thing as "convincing" and another as "unconvincing". It is a subtle mental ability which we acquire through experience. When young, we haven't the ability developed, and we can be fooled more easily—but each time we are fooled, we build up a "record" of that experience, and the next time a similar thing happens, we suddenly have the conviction, one way or the other, that we can safely accept, or we cannot safely accept, what we have just experienced. The more experiences we get, the more we are able, subconsciously, to detect the unconvincing.

— Rap.

The CASE for the R. E. STRAITH LETTER

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section of the Department of State in which UFOs would be investigated would be the Intelligence Division, and so it is obvious that Mr. Straith is really a secret intelligence agent. No date appeared on the Straith letter. Correspondence sent out by the various officers of the Department of State must be approved by the Correspondence Review Staff. So when a letter is typed the date is not typed on the letter. When the letter passes the Correspondence Review Staff, they stamp the date on the letter. The fact that the Straith letter had no date on it shows that it was not sent through this Staff. However, this also shows that the Straith letter was not written by a hoaxer. A hoaxer would type the date on the letter to make it look like a completed and finished letter because a hoaxer wouldn't know about the State Department procedure.

Mr. Straith told Adamski that the letter was a personal one and not an official letter of the Depart-

ment. This meant that the information was really intended only for Professor Adamski and not to be made public, since the letter was "personal" and not official. However, the letter was released due to a misunderstanding on the part of Professor Adamski. Adamski read that he was encouraged to communicate what he sincerely believed should be told to the public and he took this to mean that it was ok to release the letter. While on the other hand, Mr. Straith evidently meant that he was to be encouraged to continue telling about his experiences with space craft. Anyhow, as a result of a misunderstanding of the intent of the letter, it was released to the public. Naturally the State Department had to deny the existence of Mr. Straith because the letter was after all a personal one and not an official letter. To admit the existence of Mr. Straith would have made it an official letter.

THE END

UFOs - FROM THE CRITIC'S CORNER

The Myth of the Flying Saucer Mystery

By Peter Kor

In line with FLYING SAUCERS' policy to present ALL of the evidence, and BOTH sides of the argument, we have secured the opinion of a true unbeliever. Mr. Kor, we are sure, does a fine job of presenting the reverse side of the coin, and if we cannot meet his challenge, then we shall have to revise our thinking. When we say we, it is in reference to what Mr. Kor calls the UFO investigator. That means all of you, as well as FLYING SAUCERS. But not particularly FLYING SAUCERS, because we believe that our viewpoints have not "sinned" as badly as Mr. Kor paints. In our turn, we will respond to Mr. Kor with articles of our own, to prove that our "scientific method" has been valid. We have never, for instance, gone for the interplanetary theory, nor have we lumped all factors into one comprehensive "mystery". Flying saucers, in the literal comprehension of the word, means just what it says—some sort of flying machine shaped like a saucer in general aspect, which is unidentified as yet. To call fireballs, lights, ice falls, poltergeists, sonic booms, etc etc etc flying saucers has never been our policy. Yet, FLYING SAUCERS covers a host of mysterious things, and merely that fact does not postulate they are all part of a single "mystery". If a "sonic boom" that occurs when no jets are present is caused by a flying saucer, we want to find proof that this is so. But first, we must complete our factual case for the flying saucer itself. With Mr. Kor's valuable opposite viewpoints, we expect to find it difficult to go astray, with wishful thinking! If there are any of our readers who wish to join in, with scientific methodology, to prove to Mr. Kor the existence of flying saucers, which he says is one part of a mystical mystery, they are heartily invited to participate. We'll need all the help we can get to convert a real skeptic!

The best approach to any subject is the most direct approach. I am therefore going to begin this series of articles by letting you readers know exactly what you are in for when you read the following pages. Flying Saucers magazine makes very interesting reading. But nowhere within its pages (or within the pages of any other magazine devoted to saucers for that matter) do you find: (1) proof that a flying saucer mystery

exists. Or (2), criticisms of so-called ufo research, its methods and prejudices.

By now you know that Peter Kor is a ufo agnostic - a non-believer if you wish. I will be the first to admit that this is correct. In fact, before I'm through, I'll prove that there is no flying saucer mystery at all. I will also critically analyze the "new social class" of ufo researchers.

Before we go on, we must define

our subject. I have found that when ufo researchers say that the flying saucers exist, they do not mean only that people have seen something which was registered by their senses. They mean much more. They mean that a mystery exists which is comprised of strange objects in the sky, and related phenomena, seen by the masses, and further that the solution to this mystery is somewhere found in a part of the voluminous material that has been collected on the matter.

Now, to begin, let me explain what happened one day when I visited a very prominent ufo researcher in quest of some answers about ufos. My first question was this: "Can you be positive that a flying saucer mystery exists?" My informer looked at me as if I had just escaped from a psychopathic ward, then he smiled. Soon he perceived that I wasn't sharing his choice of humor and he proceeded to pull out reams of important-looking folders.

"It is generally agreed that an enigma exists", he began, "because of the thousands of sightings on record of flying objects, fireballs, landings of odd machines, mysterious plane crashes, etc."

"Among what people is it generally agreed," I countered, "and how many sightings actually exist? Also, can you be sure that the sightings are related at all?"

My informant admitted that it was ufo researchers who generally agreed that a ufo mystery exists, and that over 15,000 sightings have been filed with the British and U.S. air forces alone. My friend continued by saying that the various sightings and occurrences seemed to have linking characteristics. Now it is amazing to me, first of all, how anyone can accept a proof of flying saucers on a statistical basis, for statistics are quite versatile and often

misleading. And I challenged my informant with this, pointing out that a report by the air force, entitled SR-14, used statistical methods to disprove the existence of the saucer mystery. I went on to say that all of ufo research criticized this approach, and that, in effect, he was attempting to use the very method he had condemned. I closed this part of our discussion by saying that there is actually no proof that the individual sightings and incidents are inter-related with one another, or from a common source.

Seeing he was getting nowhere, the ufo researcher changed his tactics. "It is the number of good reports that is convincing," he said.

"What is a 'good' report," I replied.

"A good report is one that involves a radar tracking, a closeup of the object involved, or a chase case in which a terrestrial aircraft pursues a ufo."

He thumbed through a number of reports and picked one. "Here's one where a radar station tracked an object at 2300 mph at ten miles over the British Isles. It was obviously a controlled machine."

"Who saw it besides radar?" I asked.

"No one."

"Then how can you be so sure that the thing in question was a machine and that it was controlled at that?"

Regardless of the funny look my informant gave me, the facts of the case were only that a radar beam bounced off of something in the air at ten miles altitude, that this something was apparently moving at a rate of 2300 mph. And that it might have been anything from a spaceship to a high flying, slightly materialized ghost.

The ufo researcher was not about to give up, not by a long shot.

"There are cases", he said, "where people have seen strange objects flying through the skies at close range. The objects usually resemble a disk with a dome on it."

"Are these authentic cases?"

"Of course," was the quick reply.

There was a book on the researcher's desk. It was about a man who claimed to have met a ufo pilot and to have ridden in a saucer. "Here must be one of your better cases," I put in. "It is a real closeup sighting."

"Oh no, that's a hoax. That fellow — is just out for the attention and what money he can get out of it."

"But he rode in a saucer that was disk-shaped with a dome on it?"

"No matter," he said. "This guy claims that he met a Venusian and astronomers know that Venus cannot harbor life as we know it."

I reflected that this was indeed an odd attitude. For it seems that the way to be believed by ufo researchers is to get close to a ufo—but not too close. To see—but not to understand. My point here is this: can a person who sees a saucer low to the ground, or on the ground, from a point three hundred feet away, be believed any more than a person who rides in a saucer or talks to its pilot? What is so respectable about observing a huge, dome-shaped object with portholes in your back yard, and so disrespectful about riding in such a saucer? Actually, both reports should be viewed with calculated suspicion, not just the most fantastic one. So it turns out that the "good" reports, our friend was referring to as proof that a ufo mystery exists, are those that are believed by ufo researchers, for certainly there are better reports from the standpoints of: closeness of observation, duration of observation, etc. But these reports are dis-

carded because they are more fantastic than the others. Can there be a degree to fantasy? And further, can these "believed reports" be assumed to be related to one another?

Also, the photos the researchers showed me were in two separate categories. These photos which showed something was there, were the good ones. But those that showed very good detail were immediately suspected of being frauds, and usually were eliminated from consideration by the serious researchers. This attitude is grossly hypocritical.

But the researcher had a trump card to play, and it went something like this. "The ufos have been seen by men trained to observe. By astronomers, pilots and weather experts."

To this I agreed. Those persons mentioned were surely better observers of conventional objects than the common man. But are they any better at observing unconventional objects? Are they any better at perceiving something new? And furthermore: although not common men, astronomers and pilots are human beings subject to the same odd effects of the senses, etc. So let us not consider for a moment that they are some sort of supermen who give ultimate judgment on anything, much less ufos.

The ufo researcher ended his case with: "The good sightings together with the photographs on record, give us a very good circumstantial case that interplanetary flying objects are in our midst." That ended the interview.

I could not then, nor do I now, understand how believed sightings extracted from a whole body of sightings of things in the sky, together with photos of hazy lights and shadowy shapes, substantiates the idea that interplanetary objects

are visiting us from the depths of space. The facts laid bare are: that many persons have seen objects in the sky which they have concluded are unusual. That cameras have recorded something. That many persons have speculated about these "somethings." That there is no evidence that these "somethings" comprise the same kind of phenomena and are related. That those who say interplanetary saucers, other dimensional objects, or earth-made secret weapons are responsible, are those who want to believe that these answers are so.

Looking at the subject from the viewpoint of a newcomer and an agnostic, but as one who is eager to know, I can only say that people have seen something—but probably they are not all seeing the same thing. But surely I cannot admit to a mystery because these things quite possibly are not what the observers describe. And a mystery is a body of data, related data, the intent or origin of which is unknown. This does not fit the flying saucer question, because the flying saucers, as defined by ufo research, do not exist at all. Only things exist—but people have been seeing things as long as people have existed. But these things were not all mysteries, nor were they all real.

It seems to me that ufo researchers are basically a suspicious lot. If you believe that saucers exist, you are accepted as a member of the clan. If you do not believe in the flying saucer mystery, you are criticized. Why? I think the answer is obvious. The ufo researcher cannot meet the challenge of the agnostic. He cannot answer the questions of the unbeliever in an adequate manner. The only alternative is for all of the believers to withdraw into themselves; to form an exclusive social class within which

everyone believes, and outside of which is the enemy.

I know some will say that all researchers do not agree, that there are several theories contrary to one another. This is true. But all researchers agree that a flying saucer mystery exists. They only disagree as to their proposed solutions of that mystery. I don't believe in flying saucers—I do not believe a mystery exists. I have not a will to, or not to believe one way or another on this question. I am searching, and ufo research has presented nothing that has satisfied me. And I am convinced that if there is anything to find, ufo researchers will not find it. For they are stereotyped and stagnant in their thinking. They have developed no new ideas about ufos in twelve years. In 1947 it was interplanetary ufos, earth made secret devices and other-dimensional beings. Today the same "answers" are presented. No new ideas—because no one is thinking and no one is searching. Everyone in ufo research seemed to be convinced that a mystery existed before they began investigating. They had already made up their minds as to what the solution was and they proceeded to accumulate that data which supported their view, and to reject the rest.

So, in the final analysis, there is no proof that the flying saucer mystery exists (following our definition as developed previously.) What does exist is a myriad of different phenomena—each of which apparently bears no relationship to the other. The ufo researcher assumes that all of the phenomena have a common source, hence, he creates a mystery. Having fabricated his subject, the ufo enthusiast proceeds to associate his endeavor with science and things scientific, in the hope that the common man will have some respect for the ufo field. Hence we have various

saucer magazines claiming that their editors are using the scientific method to uncover the saucer answer. I am going to demolish this myth once and for all. I am going to prove that ufo research (indeed any part of it) is not the least bit scientific.

Again, before we begin, let us define what we are talking about. To be scientific is "to be versed in science." Science is "systematized knowledge", so it follows that the scientific method is a tool used to uncover systematized knowledge. It is comprised of seven, definite steps. I am going to define these steps and at the same time compare them with the activities of ufo researchers. In this way we will be able to ascertain just how scientific these activities are.

Step one is the selection of a limited area for inquiry. This is indeed an important first step for it rehe is dealing with one problem. However, the ufo researcher has included many phenomena from different sources as the object of a single search. The result is plain confusion and a cold shoulder from qualified scientists. If the ufo investigator would critically attempt to limit his subject, to pick it apart minutely, he would find that he is dealing with several questions, each of which requires a separate investigation.

Step two is the determination of a criteria for the evaluation of all collected data. It is important that the same set of standards be applied to each piece of data. If one is dealing with a limited subject, this allows the investigator to evaluate his data with uniform accuracy. No such set of standards exist for ufo phenomem, mainly because step one has not been satisfied. I find that researchers judge each case individually according to: how fantastic it might be; and whether or not it fits

into their pre-conceived ideas.

Step Three is the collection of data. Of course it is imperative to point out at this point that the scientific method presupposes that a study has been made by the investigator of everything that has previously been accomplished about his subject. So that we do not have an investigator leaping into a subject with no background, and immediately becoming an "expert." In the "collection of data" step, all phenomena dealing with the researcher's limited subject are recorded.

Which brings us to Step Four. This step presupposes that steps two and three have been accomplished, for this step is the evaluation and organization of the data. Now researchers have done an excellent job of accumulating data, but as I have said, they are accumulating data about many different problems. But because they have preconceived ideas as to the solution of their investigation, step four, for them, becomes a device to accept certain material and reject the rest.

Step Five consists of the formation of a hypothesis that takes into account all of the evaluated data. The ufo researcher has developed theories, but these theories came before the step of "accumulation of data," so they are invalid. Furthermore, the ufo researcher's theories do not account for all of the data. I have already explained why.

Step Six is a very important one, for it is the step that ultimately decides the value of the proposed theory. It is the development or evolution of predictions derived from the hypothesis of step five. In other words, given a specific theory concerning a body of data, what can we predict about the future if we assume this theory is correct? No ufo researcher has satisfied this step. First of all, very

few have even gotten to the prediction stage. And second of all, those who have predicted, have failed in the accuracy department. But rather than scrapping their previous theory and developing another one from which predictions are made, the researchers have dogmatically held on to their theories because they want to believe them. I know of only one man who has successfully predicted about flying saucers, and he was not a ufo investigator. Step Seven, then, is the creation of an alternate theory if the first one fails. This process continues until truth is found.

It is obvious that ufo research is not the least bit scientific in its methods. Therefore, ufo enthusiasts are not being honest when they claim to be scientific. But there is certainly no crime in not being scientific. The only crime in this case is that a group of people have claimed something that is not true. Actually, the scientific method is quite limited in that it was designed to uncover only "systematized knowledge." Knowledge or truths that are inherently chaotic to the human mind, are beyond the

scope of the scientific method. Science eliminates the possibility of this by assuming that all knowledge is, by its very nature, orderly. Actually it might be that the minds of men impose a false order upon the universe. But this is neither here nor there, and I am straying from my purpose.

In summary, let it be known that I hereby accuse ufo researchers of creating the mystery of the flying saucers. They have done this by assuming that a whole host of unrelated happenings are related. I further accuse that ufo researchers are not the least bit scientific as they have claimed. That these researchers are very quick to criticize, but are unable to take criticism. That they believe what they want to believe and reject all other possibilities. That they do not think or search, because they are afraid that by so doing they will destroy their pet ideas.

I make these accusations as an impartial critic - I am not anti-saucer so I hope no one will try to ignore me on that basis. I have much more to say, but I'll save it for next time.

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Dear Ray:

In the February 1959 issue of *FLYING SAUCERS* in your reply to Charles W. Rosekrans letter to you, you assert in one place that you object to being called in print, in public, a dirty hoaxer.

If you object so strenuously, then why do you publish articles and columns written by hoaxers?

Ruth C. Netherton
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Do we publish articles and columns written by hoaxers? Specifically, which ones do you refer to? And if they are hoaxes how are we to know, when we decide to publish them? Editors don't have a built-in sixth sense that labels this or that article a hoax. At least this editor hasn't. He would only refuse to publish an article if he KNEW it was a hoax. If you mean an article which later turns out to be untrue, that's possible. We can be fooled as well as the next man. But that we deliberately publish hoaxes—please, Ruth, we thought you were a friend of ours! You aren't really accusing us of such a practice are you? If so, we certainly deny it most emphatically!—Rap.

Dear Ray:

This is in reply to your answer to my letter published in your May 1959, issue of *Flying Saucers*. First, I would like to say that while we may be feuding, I still have great respect for you as one of the leading ufologers in the USA.

You say that unless a satellite orbits at 22,000 miles, it would not have a 24-hour orbit. Then you say that your satellite has an orbit of 22,000 miles!

Just because an object appears to be at satellite altitude does not mean that it is, unless you have *proof* that it is. Cape Canaveral picks up a mystery signal; automatically you call it a mystery Russian satellite.

The obvious incongruity is this: If the USSR launched this satellite, why don't they announce it? Even Sputnik III would be like a 4th of July firecracker compared to this. They sure played up Sputniks I, II & III, as well as "Mechta."

As for your criticism of the SCORE (Atlas) satellite, in the Spring, 1959 issue of *Space Age* magazine, a high official of NASA, whose name I forget, stated that Atlas 10-B, which launched SCORE, could have launched the same missile with

a payload of 3,500 pounds.

You say that claims the US is catching up with the USSR re rockets could not be further from the truth. Does this imply that we are falling farther behind? I don't believe that the \$7,000,000,000 the US is pouring into rockets is going to waste. In fact, as of today, we have a Thor squadron operational in the United Kingdom, and will soon have a Jupiter squadron in Italy. By 1960, we will have the *USS George Washington*, a Polaris-firing submarine operational. It can stay under the Arctic ice pack for two or three years and await a signal to send its 16 H-bomb tipped Polaris wings their way 1,500 miles into the USSR. By 1961, we will have three such ships in the fleet.

As for radar fixes: we tracked the "Mechta" 370,000 miles out, not 450,000 miles as stated. We also tracked Pioneer IV 410,000 miles out. This was not done by radar, but by radio-telescopes, such as the 285-foot one at Jodrell Bank, England, and by the special one in the Mojave Desert, California (China Lake) which was built especially to track Pioneer. These instruments do not use radar but simply listen like a radio and compute its (the object's) distance by various means, which vary from space probes to satellites.

As for radar lock-ons on UFO, I know such have happened, but that is immaterial here. We are concerned with satellites which travel fixed paths, not UFO's which maneuver, often violently.

The huge navy type planes I mentioned are super-constellations, made by Lockheed, and powered by four piston engines. The super-constellation is a big commercial plane also. You may know it as the one with the three tails.

I believe that I have pretty well stated my case, and will let it rest at that. Now we come to other matters. The first is your claim that Al Bender made up the "Three Men in Black." You said they were fiction. May I respectfully suggest that you refrain from telling this to Al or even to Gray, Augie or Dom Lucchesi? I'm afraid you will spend the rest of the day picking your teeth from the back of your throat!

As for the spectograph being useless, I will concede this for most planets, but for any planets whose atmosphere does not vary, from layer to layer, it is ac-

curate. On earth, maybe it isn't; why didn't the Russian try it on Mars and Venus?

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"Could have launched" and "did launch" are two different things. Let SPACE AGE deal in fiction, if it chooses. We prefer to report what actually happened, not what somebody says could have been done only they didn't. As for "waste", that is an academic subject. Personally, I think all the money we spend for space rockets is going to waste. The brutal fact is that if space travel is achieved, it will be too expensive to use. The first space ship will cost 100 billion dollars — and it just won't be worth it. After we've built all the missiles needed to destroy civilization, it will still come out "waste", especially if they are used! As for the radio telescopes, the judging of distance depends on unknown factors, such as the speed of electronic impulses in space. As for Al Bender, we've said it in print — now let's see what happens! Your editor was the first in the UFO field, has had his finger in more UFO pies than anybody else, has caused the official investigators more grief and caused them to chase around more than anybody else, and has been investigated by every official agency interested in UFO, and has NEVER seen anything remotely resembling a man in black. Bender, if actually in the situation he describes, would not even associate with any active UFO investigator. Yet he is always seeking the limelight. Gray Barker is a real fine guy, and he has a free hand in his articles in FLYING SAUCERS. He wouldn't push our teeth down our throat, even if he was sure Bender was telling the truth. However, lest you get the wrong idea, it MAY BE that Bender THINKS he is telling the truth! In fact, I suspect that he DOES! There is one thing about this UFO business that hasn't been advanced up to now which I suspect would boil over if it were seriously discussed. I'll duck the issue a bit by saying that I think Shaver is 100% right when he says the answer is in the "telaug," which is an instrument that quite effectively influences the mind. In short, if I could get hold of a "telaug" I would be able to make you see "men in black" floating down through your ceiling! I say that if Bender isn't lying, he

has been telauged! (to coin a word). What bothers me is WHO operated the telaug. If it's a sort of "secret service," God help us all! Let's challenge Bender to contact his "men in black" and ask them to call on this editor. If they exist, and are what he says they are, they can scare hell out of us in ten minutes, and you'll never see another issue of this magazine! Which they should be interested in accomplishing—IF Bender's so-called "discovery of such terrifying proportions that it calls for complete despair" is true. It is precisely this claim that makes me certain that there are no men in black. There just isn't any such "terrifying discovery". Think of what we know about flying saucers, and then try to imagine what could possibly be, the worst thing they could be. Does it scare you? Into being SILENT? Maybe Barker, Lucchesi, Roberts or any others interested in Bender might like to tell us why they think so? It might make for interesting reading. And why do YOU believe him, Jim? You certainly jump to his defense pretty hotly. Why? Come on, Jim, let's not let this "men in black" thing hang fire. The way it is, it makes a lot of people laugh like hyenas when they see a "ufologer". How can we get anywhere with all this fantasy continually being pinned on the UFO subject? There are hundreds of people working like little beavers trying to make this thing as silly as possible. In a coming issue we're going to NAME them. Watch the sparks fly then! But we have to watch out for "libel suits". These fellows fight dirty, Jim! Telling the truth is pretty tough. You've got to prove it. Usually it is my policy to let the event prove itself — such as the recent flying saucer demonstration that didn't come off. All we can see is that it didn't come off — and you'll pardon us if we appear skeptical. What about Douglas Mapes (who swore nobody'd silence him) and his recent resignation from "ufology" and his claim he has no further interest, and his statement that he won't give a reason for quitting? I suppose a whole new "men in black" legend will spring up over that? —Rap.

Sir:

I have just finished reading the May issue of Flying Saucers, and as with all of your publications I found it very interesting, however your editorial in this

issue concerning the formation of matter through space vortex action particularly interested me, since I have read of it from other sources. You do postulate a theory however which doesn't seem to be compatible with evidence that I have just read about in another publication. You state on page 34 May issue that Russia's moon rocket probe failed to be detected because, in your opinion it had disintegrated into primal matter, of course you qualified this statement by following it with another statement that this was only theory of course, which leaves you an out in case of contradiction.

I believe with a little research, and the application of a little deductive reasoning you will revise this theory. I do not question the vortex theory of matter formation as it sounds logical, and quite reasonable. What I do question is your theory regarding its action or effects after matter has already been formed, if we are going to assume without qualification that matter dissolves back into its primal state in outer space, we still have to try to explain then why meteorites do not adhere to this law of disintegration, or are you going to claim the meteorites are all coming from a swarm within the vortex field of the Earth, and moon. While we were theorizing why wouldn't it be more logical to assume until proven otherwise that matter after it is once formed has its own vortex field, a magnet when broken into pieces still retains its magnetism, therefore it is within the realm of probability that any matter once formed retains its organizing field.

Scientists have told us that a belt of asteroids exists, which are apparently from a planet which was destroyed in the past, yet these pieces of matter although separated from their original body still retain their material appearance and continue to be detectable with our instruments. I don't believe we can say then that matter reverts to any primal state on the evidence that we now have, at least not in the short time span that you have based your theory on. Matter may ultimately return to a primal state after which it is organized into another structure, but I believe this consumes eons of time.

I believe you are basing your theory almost entirely on the evidence of the Russian rocket probe, which seems like a short sighted way of attaining a work-

able theory. The alternate possibility regarding this evidence is that the Russian rocket was at the best unsuccessful, and at the worst may not have been launched at all except in their propaganda statements, evidence seems to bear this out, as far as can be determined we have only their word that this rocket even got within the vicinity of the moon, our instruments were unable to detect it, even though they had detected all other Russian rocket probes. The instruments were perfectly capable of this detection had there been anything to detect, as the Radio telescope at Jodrell bank in England detected our own moon probe out beyond 400,000 miles, which incidently is over 100,000 miles past where it was supposed to have dissolved according to your theory.

Anson S. Chaney
3434 S. E. 18th
Portland 2, Ore.

Yes, I do believe that it is more than likely that meteorites come from the Earth's own vortex field. Why not? If the vortex theory has any basis at all, then the meteorite theory follows automatically. Only if the vortex theory is entirely untenable is the space-born meteorite logical. Modern science is constantly being surprised at its discoveries; for instance the recent ultra-violet photographs of Spica taken from a rocket camera. Spica should have shown up as a terrific spot of blazing ultra-violet light. As a matter of fact, it couldn't be seen at all — BUT SPACE ALL AROUND GLOWED WITH ENORMOUS BRIGHTNESS. Nebulous gas, so tenuous as to be almost non-existent compared with Spica itself, glowed so brightly that it entirely obscured Spica. Exactly the opposite was expected. It all means that our concept of radiations and their sources (Spica was expected to be a gigantic source of ultra violet radiation) has to be revised. All is not what it seems in space. In fact, it was "impossible" that the nebulous cloud surrounding Spica could have been the source of so much ultra-violet because the energy necessary to generate it is lacking. So what now, poor astronomer?

As for your comments on how long it takes for matter to become energy, you may be 100% right. Presumably the process is a "radioactive" one, and it may be true that matter, once formed, just "radiates" away into primal space-matter

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— Rap.

The News Distributer here has been forbidden by a "high authority" from handling FLYING SAUCERS. The Shaver issue of FANTASTIC was banned also. But they mailed me a copy and told me the source of the ban.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wood
16603 Turner,
Detroit 21, Mich.

It would be interesting to know what "they" told you about the source of the ban on that issue of FANTASTIC? Would you inform us? We've heard other reports that that particular issue of FANTASTIC failed to appear on many newstands, the ONLY one so to fail to appear. Also, the sales dropped seriously, according to a report we received from the then editor, Paul Fairman. It is true that we cannot get a distributor in Detroit, although we do have several good newsstand outlets. We'd appreciate any readers securing more for us. If any of our readers there want to earn \$5.00 per newsstand secured, write us for details. The newsstands we do have in Detroit are always sellouts!

— Rap.

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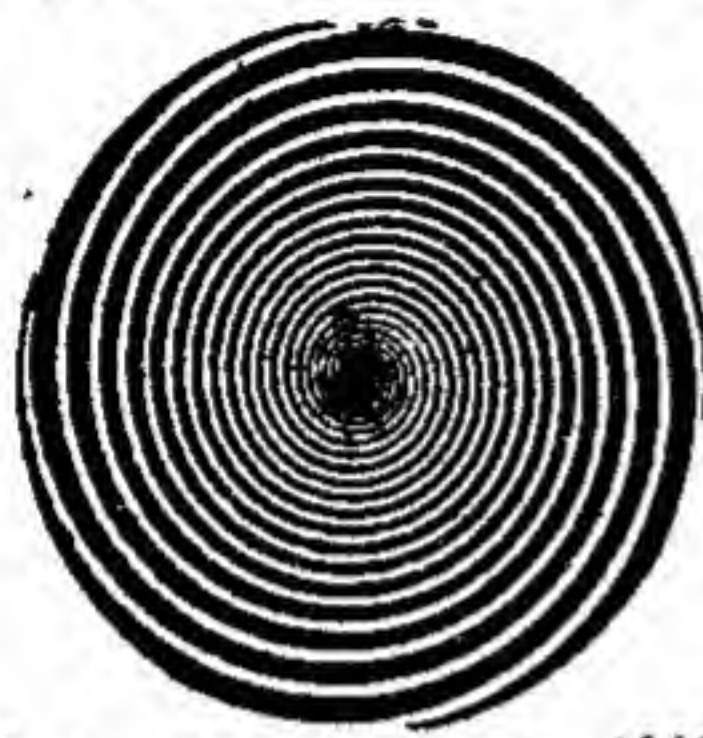
In reference to a letter by Richard Ogden you printed in the May issue. I have a letter from the haskin service saying that the Navy XF-5-U was only a mock-up and never actually built, but the V-173, a half size version of the plane, was tested. The V-173, a hovering type craft, was known as the "Pan Cake."

Also, in the February issue you printed a letter you wrote to the F.C.C. and the reply you received; I wrote a very similar letter but got an entirely different but equally evasive reply. You will find a carbon copy of my letter and a photostat of the reply enclosed. I think you will be interested in the fact that they didn't answer any of the questions asked.

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Most sincerely
Peter Baker

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84 High Street
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broadcast, they tell you they did! One of the statements is a lie. Too bad our government agencies lie to the public. It destroys our faith in all government agencies. Not a nice thing to know our government agencies lie to citizens. What can we do about it? We've got to do something! We can't let our government employees lie to us. This is terrible! Everybody in the FCC ought to be fired, and replaced with honest people. What a public scandal this is! Oh how awful!

Pete, you - realize we're being facetious, but the fact is, nobody really gives a damn. We are citizens in name only. We don't care if we ARE lied to. Even faced with proof, we shrug it off. So okay, let them lie. What's the difference?

"The necessary action has been taken." By that, we're sure they mean that the whole thing has been hushed up. Useless to try to find out who perpetrated the hoax, and what punishment he got. We'd like to visit him in jail, or wherever he is, and hear his confession from his own lips—if we can only find out who he is—but the FCC will loyally protect him from our wrath. Didn't get into the papers, like it would if he was a burglar. Or a speeder.

Trouble is, -the "hoaxer" used a transmitter that puts to shame the power of any amateur. He performed an "impossible" hoax. He really blasted the air-waves. Must have cost him a pretty penny, too. A set like that doesn't come cheap. And located as he was, in South America (we quote the FCC reply to us), the "action" taken had to be International in scope. The poor guy must have got the works. Funny the thing didn't make the news wires. A guy who could pull such a really big hoax deserves some publicity.

Suppose it would be useless to write and ask just what action was taken? Just what was the "necessary action" which WAS taken? No need to give us names, but couldn't we know what was done? Is there any need for secrecy on that? Probably his South American license was revoked. That's what they'd tell us anyway. Any old thing—doesn't need to be true. Why should the FCC give truthful answers to a plain old ordinary citizen. All that is really re-

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tracked by the Goldstone Tracking Station in the Mojave Desert, Calif., to a distance of 416,000 miles. Before radio contact was lost due to increasing distance and the weakening of batteries, both of these probes attained a distance far beyond the point at which you hold, "no atomic-molecular cohesion is possible," (approximately 254,7000 miles) and at which time they should have ceased to exist.

You state, "modern radar techniques can detect a body as large as a spaceship billions and billions of miles out into space and specifically out beyond Pluto." The U.S. has made it no secret that the Goldstone Tracking Station, our most powerful one, has a range of only approximately 400,000 miles, therefore, I can see no such claim as you make and it would seem very natural that contact both with the Rus-

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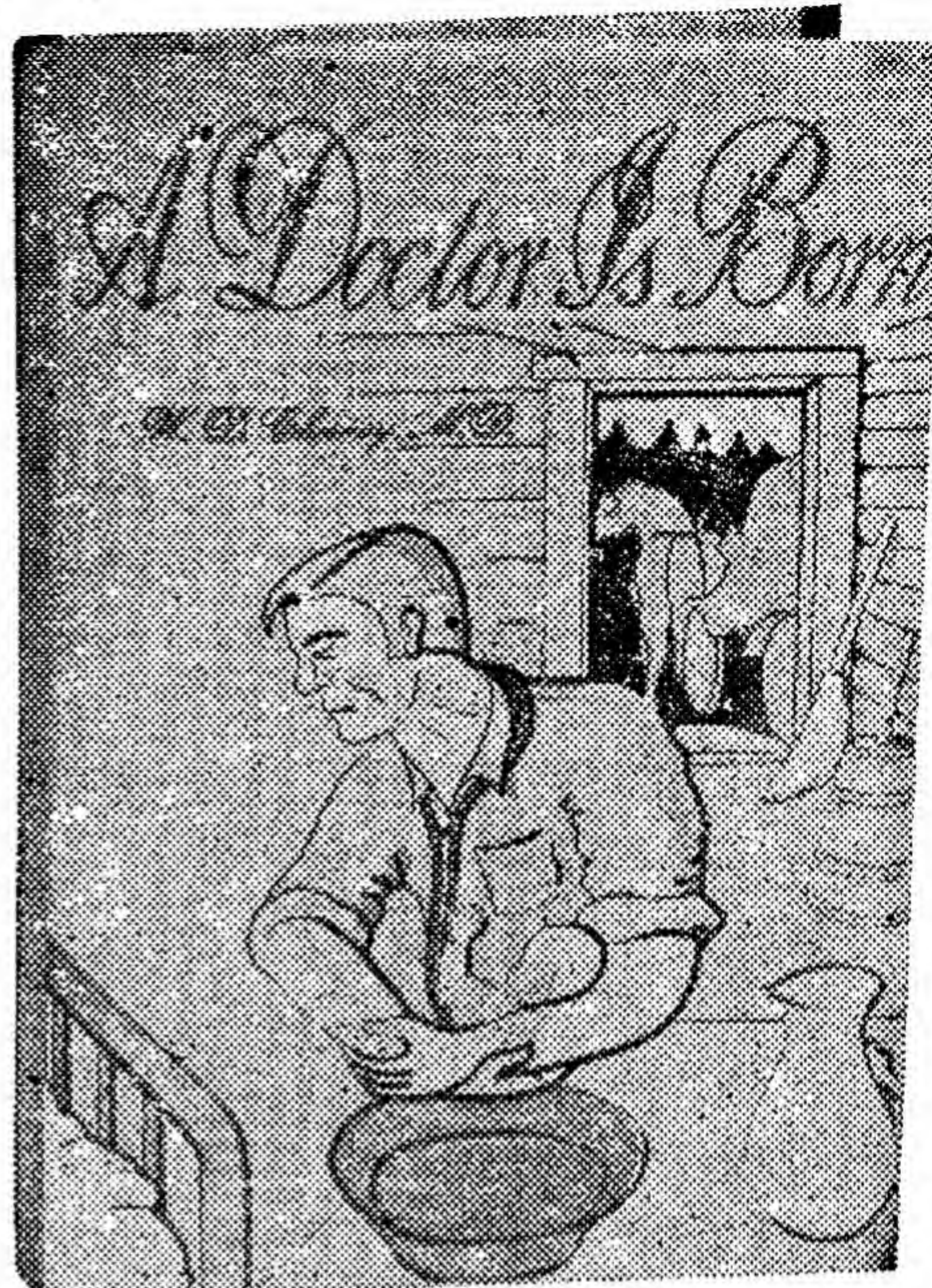
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sian and U.S. rockets was lost when and where it was.

You state, the Russian rocket was "capable of containing batteries sufficient to last for months of signaling ...and in fact did so with their other Sputniks" (I seem to remember the signals of all satellites launched by the U.S. and Russia NEVER lasted over a couple of weeks or so), and supposing the rocket was STILL transmitting, we would be unable to detect it as the range of our most powerful station simply is not capable of reaching that far. However, I believe, it would be possible to bounce a RADAR WAVE off the rocket...if we could actually determine its exact position in space at a given time and provided our signal transmission was highly accurate.

Now back to this fantastic battery life you attribute to the Russian rocket. Our own Pioneer IV's radio batteries were fully expected to have a sensible life of 90 hours. It would seem strange indeed for the Russians to put such powerful batteries in their rocket so as to continue broadcasting for months, knowing only too well that they would

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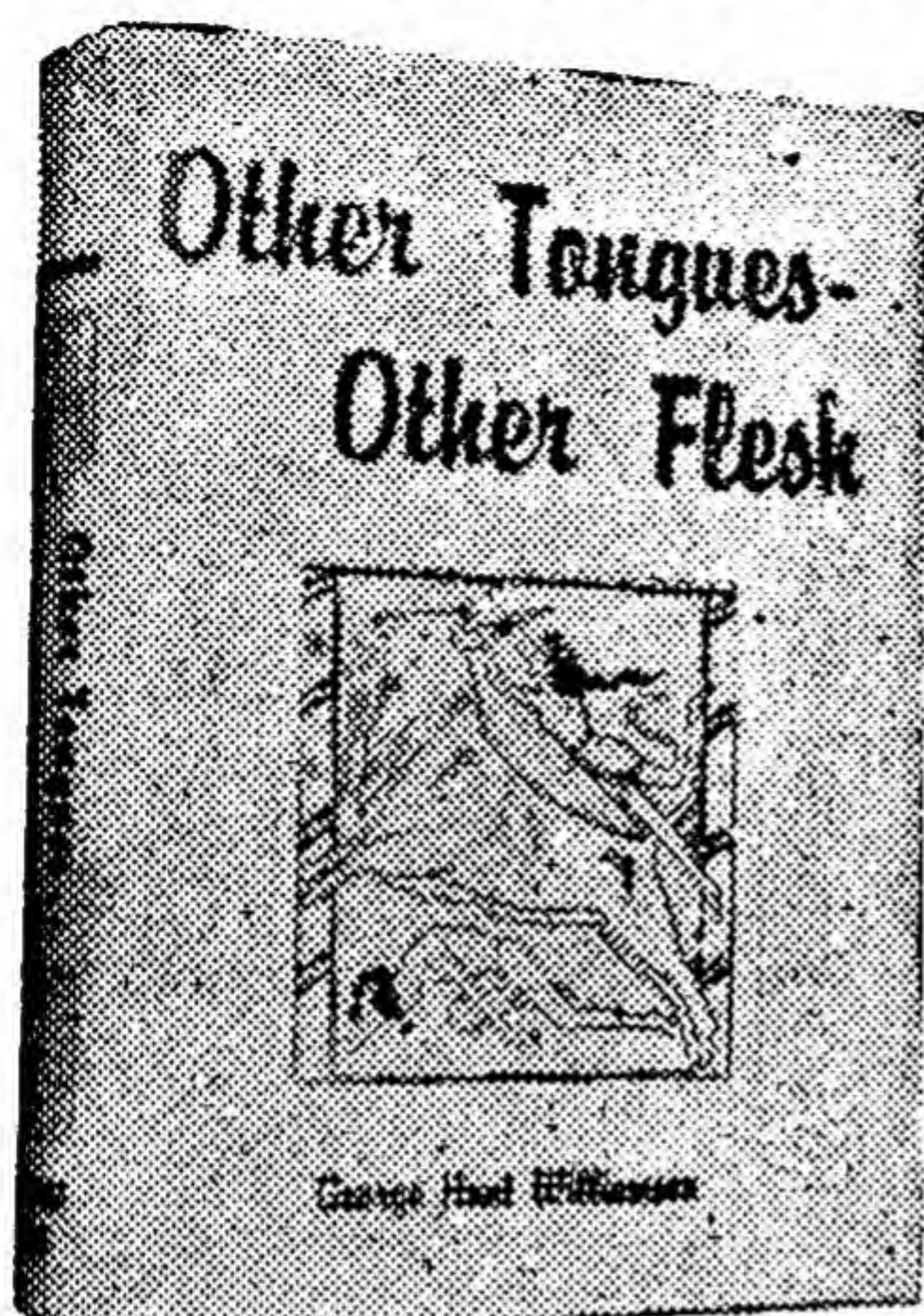
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not be able to detect them after a FEW DAYS, doesn't it? Yes, indeed!

You state, Krushchev "is ready and willing to stop rocket and nuclear experiment for all time," yet he again turned Ike's request to stop nuclear tests down, showing he was not sincere in this proposal and really has no intention of stopping even nuclear tests much less any desire to terminate rocket experiment.

As a summary, these are the very grave errors which I found in your editorial: You indicate space travel to be impossible beyond a maximum of 254,700 miles, yet we tracked Pioneer IV to a distance approaching TWICE that: 416,000 miles.

You indicate the Russian rocket should have been capable of transmitting radio signals for months, when it would only be possible to receive them for a few days.

You indicate scientists are able to "track objects billions and billions of miles distant," yet the publicized range of our most powerful "tracker" is only 400,000 miles.

You indicate physical existence of an object sent from earth to be impossible at an approximate distance of 254,700 miles, yet we are constantly being bombarded by meteors traveling billions of miles across space before reaching the earth, coming outside this imaginary barrier of yours.

In conclusion, it would appear to me that it is going to be a very embarrassing moment for you, Ray, when the first space ship returns from one of our neighboring planets.

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P.S. The article in this issue, "There's Intelligent Life on the Moon," indicated the moon might be only 70,000 miles away. The U.S. Navy, on April 16, 1959, bounced a radio wave signal off the moon taking 2:55 seconds making the round trip figure out at a total distance travelled of 576,000 miles, which would put the moon at a very reassuring 288,000 miles distant from the earth. Scientists of the Lincoln Laboratory project in Westford, Mass., bounced a radar beam off Venus in February, 1958, taking approximate-

ly five minutes to reach that planet and return here for a total distance of 56 million miles.

I should have said that "continued existence beyond 254,700 miles (your figure, not mine) is impossible." It is reasonable to assume that it takes time for complete dissolution to take effect.

The U.S. Navy press release (I have the clipping) is my source for the business of tracking an object as big as a space ship beyond the orbit of Pluto. Maybe they got their press releases bollixed up. But THEY said it. I've got hundreds of thousands of clippings in boxes. It's in one of the boxes. If it becomes vitally necessary that I produce it, I can!

Why are the rocket scientists talking now about radios that will return signals from Mars and Venus area if we can't hear them from more than approximately 400,000 miles away?

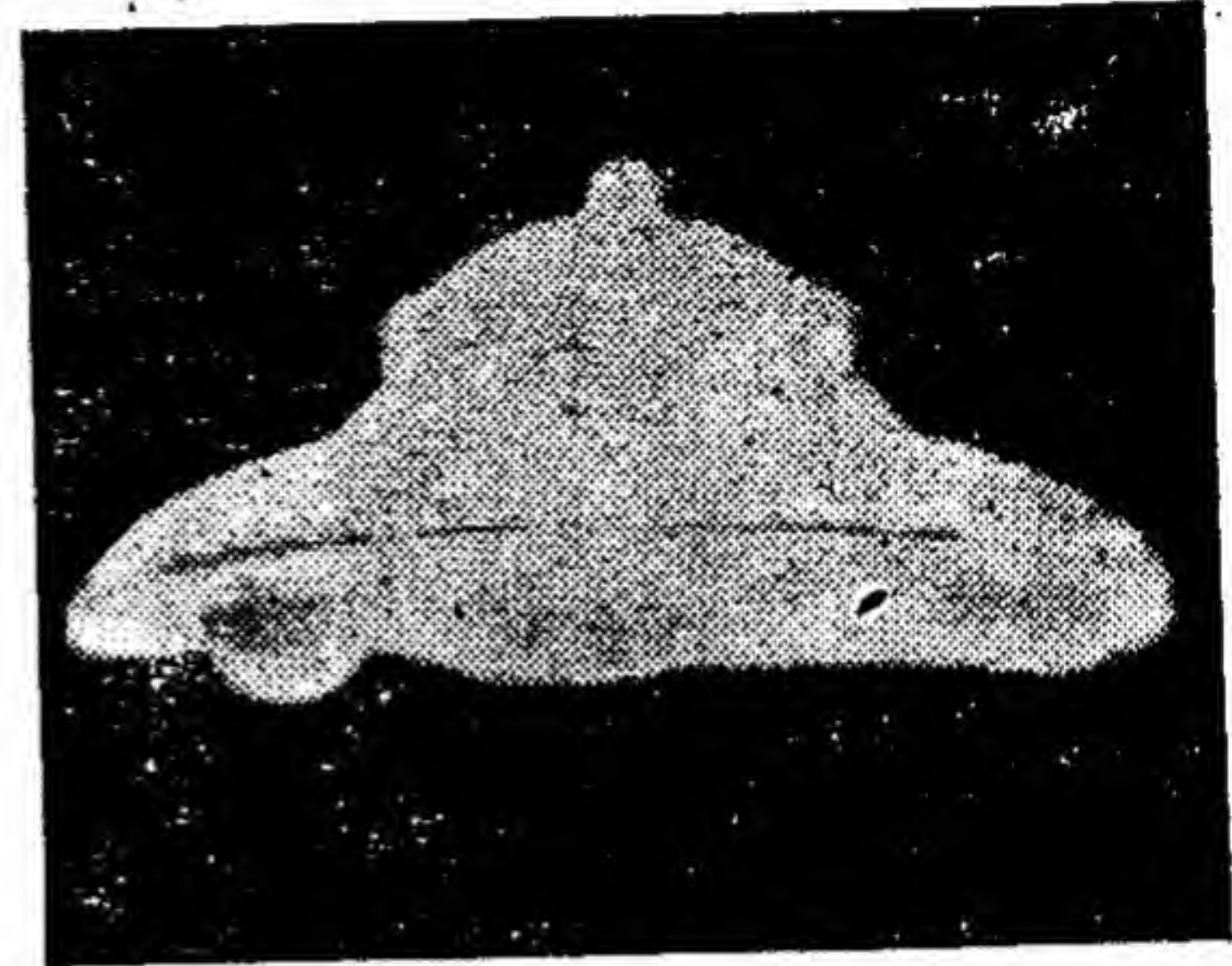
The Russians say their remaining satellite is STILL sending back signals. Even we admit that a long time after it first went silent, it came back on the air. Also we keep getting "mystery signals" from some satellite, not one of ours. If the Russians have only one still up there, and no new ones, the batteries must be doing exactly as I say they are. I don't think I'm out of bounds on my Russian battery claims.

Again, I only quote the newspapers (who presumably do not report Khrushchev's words fictionally) that he is willing to stop rocket and nuclear experiment for all time.

Lloyd Mallan, in TRUE, says there is no actual report from anybody that they tracked the Mehta. He uses this complete lack of evidence of its presence in space as proof it never was launched. He may be wrong about it not being launched, but he IS right about being unable to find anybody who actually spotted it.

You only assume that the meteorites "bombard us from billions of miles across outer space." I just don't seem able to find a shred of proof. This is just a theory. Just because they appear in our atmosphere at a height of 75 miles doesn't mean they come from where they are presumed to come. Any other presumption that has a reasonable basis (and mine has) is equally

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